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Hard lessons in CUC issue

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REPORTER

Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan) said the CNMI has had some hard lessons in how the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board handled a planned procurement of an engine.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres had asked all CUC board members to resign last Thursday. That was one of the recommendations made by the House Public Utilities and Communications Committee.

CUC board chair Adelina Roberto, vice chair Eric San Nicolas, secretary Albert Taitano, treasurer Joe Torres, and member Dave Sablan are all board appointees.

Ike Perez is a CUC board member, but he occupies the slot reserved for the Commonwealth Development Authority, which is a shareholder in the autonomous

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The well-received mushroom burger made by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres at the Lady Diann Torres Foundation had a big presence at the 2017 NMC Charter Day celebration.

Arrivals skyrocket 48 percent in April

Visitor arrivals to the Marianas increased 48 percent in April 2017 compared to April 2016.

According to the Marianas Visitors Authority, arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota registered 52,438 visitors in April 2017, compared to 35,394 visitors received in April 2016. This is the third highest April arrivals in CNMI history, with the record being set in April 1998.

» **Korea arrivals up over 100 pct. for third consecutive month**

Arrivals from South Korea more than doubled for the third month in a row, growing 102-percent higher to 27,463 visitors and representing over half of all tourist arrivals to

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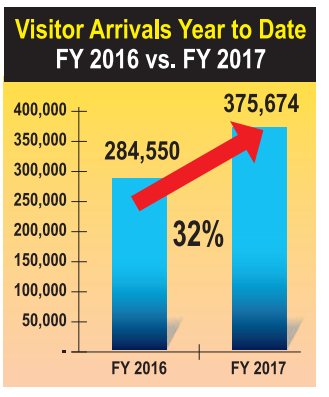

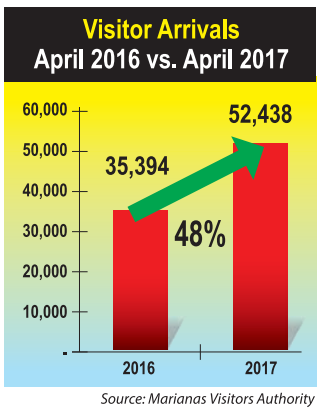

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Ogumoro alleges ex-DPS chief halted probe

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Ambrosio T. Ogumoro, a former Department of Public Safety deputy chief, now alleges that a former head of the department, James C. Deleon Guerrero, stopped an investigation of a police officer who falsified overtime hours, as that officer allegedly obtained evidence involving Deleon Guerrero having sex with a minor.

At a press conference on Thursday and in his complaint submitted to Attorney General Edward Manibusan, Ogumoro

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Decision near in suit vs relocation of Marines, live-fire training

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A decision is forthcoming relating to the U.S. government's motion to dismiss the lawsuit filed by four groups that oppose a plan to transfer U.S. Marines from Okinawa to Guam and to conduct live-fire training on Tinian and Pagan.

At a status conference on Thursday, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona informed the parties that the motion to dismiss that the court heard last Feb. 9 is still under advisement.

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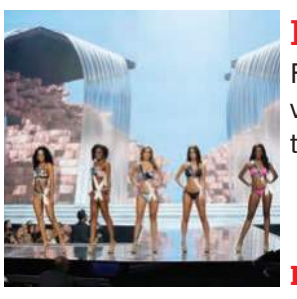

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Local

Torres nominates Bogdan to NMI Superior Court

Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres nominated Wesley M. Bogdan on Friday to serve as an associate judge on the CNMI Superior Court. His confirmation will require the advice and consent of the Senate.

"Wesley has been a trusted member of my staff since Day One. His understanding of the law is exceptional, but more so, I firmly believe his work ethic, good judgment and legal experiences will make him a great judge—as will his love for the Mariana Islands. Choosing Wes for this position is bittersweet. I will be losing a trusted [adviser] and a tireless advocate for the CNMI, especially with regard to issues relating to the military, the environment and our rights under the Covenant, but I am confident in his abilities and have no doubt that he will serve the CNMI with dignity and integrity as a member of the Judiciary," Torres said.

Bogdan's nomination to the position is intended to replace David Wiseman, who retired in May last year.

Bogdan is currently the legal counsel to the Office of the Governor and worked in that same capacity during the administration of then-governor Eloy S. Inos. Before serving in the Inos and Torres administrations, he served as legal counsel for Jude U. Hofschneider when he was the lieutenant governor.

A juris doctorate graduate of the University of New Mexico School of Law, Bogdan holds a bachelor's degree in business and political science from the University of Texas and received his certification from the CNMI Bar Association in 1998. He is also an inactive member of the New Mexico Bar Association.

After graduating from law school in his home state of New Mexico, he worked as a judicial clerk for the New Mexico Court of Appeals in Albuquerque from 1992 to 1994. Following that experience, he moved to the CNMI in 1994 and has worked in the government as an assistant attorney general and assistant public defender. He has also worked in private practice in the Law Offices of Brian McMahon, Eric Smith, Joshua Berger and the O'Connor, Berman, Dotts, and Banes Law Firm.

Bogdan also worked off-island approximately three years as the deputy director of the Legal Department for the Asian Football Confederation in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 2009 to 2012.

Since returning to the CNMI, Bogdan has worked exclusively during the last four years in the Executive Branch as legal counsel and senior policy adviser on all legal issues and environmental matters, particularly with respect to military affairs such as the proposed location and construction activities associated with the U.S. Air Force's divert project and the U.S. Marine Corps CNMI Joint Military Training Project.

Bogdan was also chief legal counsel to Torres during the recently completed Covenant Section 902 consultations that were completed late last year. The consultations were the first to result in a report to the President that has been transmitted to Congress.

Bogdan has also served as a former chairman for CNMI Bar Association continuing legal education committee and as a member CNMI Bar Association disciplinary committee. He is a graduate of the National Criminal Defense College program and has a specialty certificate in Environmental Law from the University of New Mexico School of Law.

Bogdan has also been active within the community serving as a judge for mock trial and speech competitions and is currently an adjunct instructor of business law at the Northern Marianas College. He has also been active in the local sports community as a youth team coach and as an executive committee member of the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association. ***(PR)***

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Registration is free and the deadline to register is Friday (May 19) at 5 p.m. For a registration form and rules, visit www.mymarianas.com or contact Marianas Visitors Authority Community Projects Specialist Ray Villagomez at rvillagomez@myarmaians.com or 670.664.3210.

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Senate passes bill to help landfill issues

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The Senate has earmarked 100 percent of the environmental beautification tax to the Solid Waste Management Program as a means to help renovation plans at the Marpi landfill.

Senate Bill 20-6, SD1 was among the legislation that the Senate acted on during their session at the Senate chamber on Wednesday on Capital Hill.

Palacios

Senate Bill 20-6, SD1, introduced by Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan), is now headed to the House.

SB 20-6, SD1 passed a day after the Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee decided to earmark the entire pot from the environmental beautification tax for the Marpi renovation.

The original language of the bill stated that only 50 percent would be earmarked but the committee, chaired by Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), recommended amending SB 20-6, SD1 to allocate 100 percent of the fund to the Solid Waste Management Program during a committee meeting on Tuesday.

Hofschneider said earmarking the entire revenue would address the current situation of not only the Marpi landfill but also the nes on Tinian and Rota. "Each municipality or senatorial district has distinct…landfill facilities that needs to be addressed."

"There is substantial amount of funding available, as far as being available for usage that is something that we are trying to clarify and review. [There is] supposed to be $2.7 million from the excise tax for the solid waste revolving fund."

He added that the Senate has tasked the Legislative Bureau's fiscal analyst to get the true figures and where the money is going. "The intent of 20-6 is to make sure that whatever is derived from the funding scheme [beautification tax] should go to solid waste management."

"We believe that it will be able to sustain and if not generate enough financial funding [for] that," said Hofschneider.

Current situation

The Marpi landfill has three cells, with Cell 1 being the largest. That cell is almost at capacity due to the debris from Typhoon Soudelor and some from the ongoing development projects on the island.

The contractors of the landfill had estimated that Cell 1 has a capacity that would last up to five years but with the amount of trash that's being collected it would only last for five more months.

"Cell 2 is prepared and ready to open; however, a Bureau of Environment and Coastal Quality order requires Cell 3 to be prepared before Cell 2 can be opened to the public," said Palacios in the bill.

"The [Department of Public Works] recently reported that it will cost $4 million to prepare Cell 3 for public use and $13 million is required to cap the cell once it is filled up. The Marpi landfill appears to be in a state of emergency and requires at least $17 million to close Cell 1 and open Cell 2 to the public."

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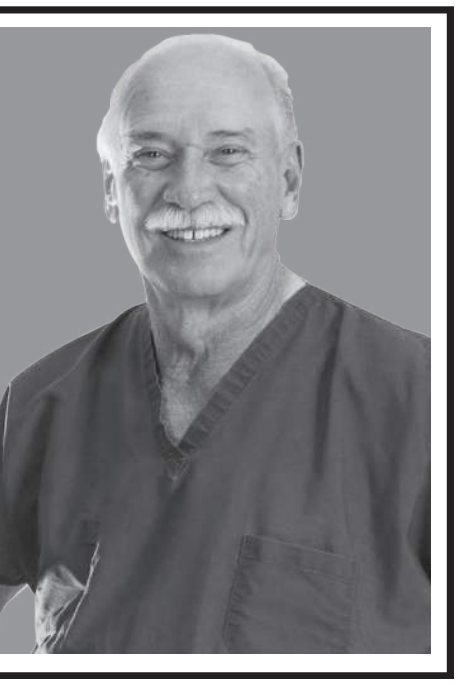

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DECISION

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for Biological Diversity are suing the U.S. Department of Navy, U.S. Department of Defense, and their officials for alleged violation of the National Environmental Policy Act and Administrative Act over the Navy's decision to relocate 5,000 U.S. Marines to Guam and to old live-fire training on Tinian and Pagan.

At the conference, Manglona denied the groups' offer to supplement the record of the proceedings, but told them they hold on to the additional information until after a decision has been issued in the motion to dismiss.

According to the minutes of the conference, Earthjustice counsel David L. Henkin, counsel for the groups, apprised the court of related matters and discussed concerns.

Joshua Wilson, trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice Natural Resources Section, stated his concerns. Henkin and Wilson appeared telephonically at the conference.

Henkin told the court there was some new information and offered to supplement the record as to the pending motion to dismiss.

In denying the offer, Manglona noted that the motion to dismiss has already been fully briefed and argued.

Manglona set another status conference for July 6, 2017.

At the motion hearing, Wilson argued that the court should dismiss the lawsuit because the plaintiffs claims for injunctive relief and to vacate the records of decision regarding the relocation of Marines from Okinawa to Guam presents a non-justiciable political question.

Wilson argued, among other things, that the plaintiffs lack standing to assert their claims for declaratory relief with respect to the Guam relocation, because the court cannot act to redress their alleged injuries.

In plaintiffs' opposition to the motion, Henkin asserted, among other things, that the U.S. and Japan 2013 agreement got rid of the requirements that the U.S. Marines stationed in Okinawa have to go to Guam.

Henkin said the 2013 agreement is currently enforced, yet the U.S. government keeps on talking about a superseded agreement in 2009.

Henkin said the 2013 agreement also got rid of any deadline for the relocation to happen.

ARRIVALS

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the Marianas for the month. Arrivals to the Marianas from Korea are up 83 percent overall this fiscal year, driven by direct flight services via five airlines: Asiana Airlines, Jeju Air, Jin Air, Eastar, and T'way.

Arrivals from China grew 16 percent compared to April 2017 to 17,511 visitors. The 2017 Shanghai World Travel Fair in March increased awareness of the destination through industry and consumer channels. Also, continuous media and agent familiarization tours have strengthened exposure and the sales network. Lastly, road shows jointly hosted by the MVA and key partners have been well-received in major cities with growth potential, including Tianjin, Jinan, Shijiazhuang, and Taiyuan.

"The Marianas economy is thriving as we enjoy a continued increase in visitor arrivals," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "A very large part of this success is the CW-1 visa program that provides accessibility to an adequate workforce to sustain the tourism industry and the CNMI visa waiver program that makes it more convenient for visitors from key markets to visit the Marianas, versus other beach resort destinations. The MVA agrees with the recent findings of the U.S. Government Accountability Office that both these programs are critical for the vitality of the Marianas tourism industry and for continuing economic growth. The MVA will continue its aggressive marketing campaigns in all source markets to ensure the Marianas brand remains relevant."

Arrivals from Japan fell 10 percent to 3,857 visitors in April, largely due an increase in package tour costs and the overall drop in outbound travel from Japan to beach resort destinations. Due to higher visitor arrivals from other markets, hotel room rates in the Marianas are higher than average. As a result, many families chose to travel to cheaper destinations during the Golden Week holiday in late April and earlier May. The MVA is in advance talks with several airlines to launch charter service from unserved cities in Japan in the coming months. There are concerns capacity at the Saipan International Airport may hinder an agreement, but negotiations will continue as the MVA continues to place high priority on the revitalization of the Japan market.

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OGUMORO

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alleged that police officer Melissa Bauleong was caught in April 2014 falsifying overtime hours. She allegedly admitted to it.

Saipan Tribune tried but failed to contact Deleon Guerrero and Bauleong to obtain comments.

Ogumoro said that police captain Lawrence Camacho, who was then assigned at DPS Internal Affairs, made a report about Bauleong's case.

He said former Office of the Public Auditor legal counsel George Hasselback suggested that they will have someone look into it because they have a "bigger fish to catch."

Ogumoro said Bauleong was not arrested but was later assigned to OPA.

Ogumoro said that that part of Bauleong's duty at OPA was arresting government employees who falsify overtime hours, like her case.

He said the matter was brought to the attention of Deleon Guerrero, who halted the criminal prosecution against Bauleong.

Ogumoro said AG investigators were also aware of this incident but failed to carry out their mandated duties and responsibilities.

"Why did James Deleon Guerrero protect Bauleong? Is it because Bauleong went to retrieve the government property from Richard Benavente's residence back in year 2013?" Ogumoro asked.

Benavente is a former DPS firefighter who is serving a 30-year prison sentence for sexual exploitation of a child.

Ogumoro said that Bauleong came across some incriminating evidence that involved Deleon Guerrero.

The OAG charged Deleon Guerrero and former police officer Jesse S. Concepcion for allegedly engaging in sex with a minor at the San Antonio beach in June 2013.

The victim in Benavente case is the same girl allegedly involved in the case against Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion.

In June 2016, the Superior Court dismissed the case against Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion after finding no probable cause to support the charges.

Ogumoro said it was discovered at a later time in 2016 that Deleon Guerrero was also involved in having sex with a minor. He noted that one of the investigators in that sexual abuse case was Bauleong herself.

"People are asking why it took so long to investigate and the investigation was sloppy. Can Bauleong explain what happened to the evidence she saw in the other SIM cards she found?" said Ogumoro, adding that Benavente can possibly shed more light to this.

Ogumoro also disclosed that when he was the DPS deputy commissioner, he had both Deleon Guerrero and police officer James Rabauliman investigated.

He said Deleon Guerrero, who was then the supervisor of the DPS Grants Office, fully knew that his subordinate, James Rabauliman, had been caught faking overtime hours.

Saipan Tribune was still trying to get a comment from Rabauliman as of press time.

Ogumoro said Rabauliman claimed to have been working overtime, but another DPS employee and surveillance camera recorded him playing poker at the Kagman Poker Room.

He said Deleon Guerrero also faked his own overtime hours.

He said Bauleong retrieved the government vehicle assigned to him (Ogumoro) when he was off-island, by using an extra key. Ogumoro said Deleon Guerrero was surprised that his and Rabauliman's time cards were in that government vehicle assigned to him (Ogumoro). Ogumoro said those incidents are why Deleon Guerrero despises him.

Ogumoro said Deleon Guerrero and Bauleong then became close friends.

He said a DPS Internal Affairs officer had proof back in April 2014 that Bauleong confessed to faking her overtime hours.

Ogumoro said during the court hearing in the criminal case against him, it was later found out that the recording of Bauleong's confession went missing under the Deleon Guerrero's term as commissioner.

When asked why he is just coming up with these allegations, Ogumoro explained that his attorney had advised him to wait as it might be related to his case.

"I want the public to know that I served 22 years honorably in the Marine Corps. I went and fought for right and freedom for people and for us," he said.

Ogumoro said that now that he's home, people "that are so corrupted" are trying to take him down.

Last May 2, Ogumoro was found guilty of two corruption charges and acquitted of four other charges. The jury found him guilty of theft by deception but not guilty of theft by unlawful taking.

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo, who decided on the misdemeanor charges, found Ogumoro guilty of one count of misconduct in public office, not guilty of two counts of removal of government property, and not guilty of one count of misconduct in public office.

Sentencing will be on Sept. 12, 2017.

In January 2016, a Superior Court jury found Ogumoro guilty of conspiracy to commit theft of services, and theft of services for shielding then-AG Edward Buckingham from being served with penal summons in August 2012.

Then-associate judge David A. Wiseman found Ogumoro guilty of five counts of misconduct in public office, one count of obstructing justice: interference with a law enforcement officer or witness, and one count of criminal coercion.

In March 2016, Wiseman slapped Ogumoro with a one-year prison sentence. He already served the sentence.

HARD

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government agency.

Palacios said that what CUC needs to do right now is to continue regular operations until Torres appoints new board members.

As for the "hard lessons" learned. That includes being transparent to the public and following the procurement process, said Palacios Friday.

"We should…learn from this process, that you cannot shortcut or have it appear that you are short cutting a very important decision, like procuring [an engine] that is going to cost us close to $13 million," he said.

Palacios said the Executive Branch does consult the Senate or the House. "We're very candid to him [Torres]. At least I'm very candid with him."

He added that Torres' decision may be unpopular to some but that is part of his job. "I know this is probably a difficult decision [but] he is the one who is going to make the decision. He can take my recommendation or not. …Sometimes the decisions that he has to make are very difficult. He has to look at multiple aspects of the decisions he has to do. Every time you appoint board members and then halfway through your administration you ask for them all to resign is not something to be take lightly."

Torres made the decision following the revelations about CUC's plan to buy an engine from General Pacific Services Marianas Inc. It was alleged that the transaction did not go through proper procurement and bidding.

"I commend [Torres] for making the hard decision. Now he has to name a new board."

Palacios hopes the requirements of the statute would be followed to the letter. "We are looking to [confirm] board members who are highly qualified, and serious in transparency and accountability. Not that this board did not do that. I think we need to restore public trust with our board. It is all over the place, the media, and people's reactions on this, it is all out there."

All views accounted for

Sen. Sixto K. Igisomar (R-Saipan) said the Senate Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications Committee does not object to Torres' decision.

His committee and his House counterpart held separate oversight hearings on the issue. The House committee, headed by Rep. Francisco Dela Cruz (R-Saipan) made a recommendation that the board should either be fired or its members made to resign.

Igisomar, however, said there is a lot more at stake than just saying remove or ask the board to resign, "that's why the Senate delayed the release of their report." Their findings are now moot as the governor already made a decision asking the members to resign.

"The Senate was not ready to make a decision and [this] is not an automatic answer. It is an easy and simple thing to say terminate or remove them. There are a lot more than just removing or asking them to resign or fire them."

"We [Senate PUTC committee] want to make sure that our decision is based on what we see of CUC's overall aspect and our position, aside from recommending to terminate, fire, or ask them to resign, is based on the future of CUC."

Igisomar said their committee does not just want to simply release a document that would say fire the CUC board and wanted to present a report that has a lot more substance.

Minority's reaction

House minority leader Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) said the Legislature, especially Dela Cruz's PUC committee, hopes to work more closely with the new CUC board.

Villagomez along with fellow minority member Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan), made public the alleged controversial issue involving the contract awarded to GPSM in buying the diesel engine. Propst was one of the most vocal critics of the CUC's project.

"I'm happy that the governor has actually taken action on this. It is good to see the governor is taking the necessary steps to address the issue. Hopefully they [CUC board] comply after the governor asked for their resignation," Villagomez told *Saipan Tribune*.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

NMC Nursing Program is now accepting applications

Students who are interested in pursuing a career in nursing can apply to become part of the Northern Marianas College Nursing Department's newest cohort in the fall 2017 semester. Those who meet the program's requirements can submit their application before Wednesday, May 24, 2017.

The selection of students will be based on the following criteria: cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher; completion of all nursing and general education prerequisites with a grade of "C" or higher; the ability to understand, speak and write in English; and passage of the interview with the department.

Off-island applicants can be interviewed via telephone or videoconference.

The number of students selected will also depend on the number of faculty available to teach the class. At this time, the class size will be limited to 25 students. If there is not enough space for all applicants, a wait list will be established.

Students are advised to make an appointment with their adviser as soon as possible to discuss prerequisites and transcripts in order to determine current standing and progress toward meeting eligibility requirements.

Selection of cohort participants will be completed before Aug. 2017. A notification letter will be sent to each applicant using the address designated on the application. Application forms are attached or can be picked up at the NMC Nursing Department in Building C at the NMC As Terlaje campus (Mon. to Fri., from 8am to 4pm), or may be downloaded from www.marianas.edu.

For more information, contact the NMC Nursing Department at 237-6743 or email rosa.tudela@marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

Guam resumes Jeanne D'Arc exercise for '17

ASAN, Guam—Multinational Exercise Jeanne D'Arc resumed in Guam last Saturday, May 13.

French and U.S. Navy officials completed a detailed assessment of the events that led to a French landing craft ran aground near Reserve Craft Beach on May 12, temporarily halting the exercise.

"We have assessed that we can resume this important multinational training after our staffs closely reviewed this incident," said Capt. Jeff Grimes, Joint Region Marianas chief of staff. "I am confident that we and our international partners have improved our preparation, instituted additional supervision and put in place sufficient mitigations to ensure we can safely execute the training objectives for the duration of this exercise."

The Navy is working with the U.S. Coast Guard, Guam Environmental Protection Agency, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Guam Department of Agriculture, the French navy and other organizations to further assess the effects of the landing craft impacting the sea floor.

Jeanne D'Arc is a French-led exercise. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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2017 KIA SOUL LX retail price $18,995.00 less 20% downpayment. Financing at 5.4% APR for 60 monthly payments of $289.56 or $133.64 per paycheck based on 26 pay periods per year. Total deferred payment $17,373.60.

Leticia Reyes, David Rosario nominated to CHCC board

By ERWIN ENCINARES
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REPORTER

Leticia Reyes and David Rosario were nominated by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres to serve on the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. board last Thursday. Their nominations fill up two of three remaining open seats on the board.

Reyes, a registered nurse with a post-masters degree as a family nurse practitioner from the University of Massachusetts Boston College of Nursing and Health Sciences, has various experience in the nursing field.

A nurse practitioner at the Saipan Health Clinic, Reyes' responsibilities include diagnosing, treating, and helping patients manage acute and chronic illnesses. Her prior experience at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. as an acting director of nursing provides her with two years of administrative experience.

Reyes obtained her associate degree in nursing at Northern Marianas College, where she graduated cum laude, and passed the National Council Licensure Examination, or NCLEX, soon after. Reyes received her bachelor's degree in Nursing at Savannah, Georgia with cum laude honors before securing her master's in nursing from the same university soon after.

Rosario, who is currently an environmental specialist for Hofschneider Engineering Corp., served as public health adviser to the secretary of health and the deputy secretary of public health administration on community health issues from 1998 to 2002. Prior experiences in the public health sector include serving as acting deputy secretary for public health from January 1998 to August 1998, as appointed by former governor Pedro P. Tenorio.

Rosario's additional work experiences include involvement with the Storm Prediction Center and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities—organizations that have presences in the Cook Islands, Guam, Marshall Islands, New Caledonia, Palau, CNMI, Tuvalu, and many more.

Rosario has a bachelor's degree in international political science and has a minor in public administration from the University of Guam. Rosario also has a master's in public health, specializing in health services administration and in health education from the University of the Philippines' School of Public Health.

Their nominations must be acted upon by the Senate through a public hearing before being officially appointed to the CHCC board. The date and specifics of the public hearing have yet to be announced.

PL 19-78 changed the CHCC board from an advisory role to a governing one. Its passage grants the CHCC board authority to control the corporation's daily operations, functions, and activities.

Although the governor or PL 19-78 did not set a specific timeline for the reorganization of the CHCC board, PL 19-78 did mention that six months after the formation of the board, the CEO and the chief financial officer of CHCC would have to start reporting to the board.

Once confirmed by the Senate, there would be only one seat left on the CHCC board that has yet to be filled. No names have been provided as of publication.

The Senate has already approved the earlier nominations of Larry Hocog as CHCC representative for Rota, and William Cing as representative of Tinian.

Man allegedly stole cash from Tinian arcade for mom's bday

A 24-year-old man allegedly stole $546 from the cashier's booth of a Tinian poker arcade last week to buy some things and for his mother's birthday.

Gino Litulumar Manglona was taken before Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho on Friday for bail hearing for theft.

A $5,000 cash bail was imposed. Preliminary hearing will be on May 18 at 9am.

Assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit was appointed as counsel for Manglona. Chief Prosecutor Michelle Harris appeared for the government.

Police detective Peter H. Palacios Jr. stated in his report that the incident was recorded by a surveillance camera at Huang Shun Poker.

Palacios said Manglona confessed to grabbing money from the cashier's counter when he noticed there was no one in the booth.

Manglona told police that he wanted to buy some things for his house and for his mother's birthday.

Palacios said he and another police officer responded last Wednesday late afternoon to Huang Shun Poker, where a robbery was reported.

Palacios said investigation showed that the cashier left the booth to buy napkins at Huang Shun Store.

On her way back after five minutes, the cashier saw Manglona walking out from the poker establishment.

Suspecting that something was wrong, the cashier checked the cashier's booth and noticed that the money she had left on the counter was gone.

The cashier's superior later reviewed the surveillance camera and told the cashier to call the police.

Palacios said he reviewed the footage and identified Manglona as the one who grabbed the money.

Later that night, police arrested Manglona, who allegedly yielded $170 and a glass pipe. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcement No. 17-024

Position Title:	**Extension Aide II**
Department:	Cooperative Research & Extension Education Services (CREES)
Pay Level & Step:	22/Step 01
Annual Salary:	$26,773.63
Location:	As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: May 10, 2017	Closing Date: May 21, 2017 or Until Filled

Announcement No. 17-027

Position Title:	**Administrative Manager I**
Department:	Liberal Arts Program/Academic Programs & Services Division
Pay Level & Step:	20/01 – 20/02
Annual Salary:	$24,330.79 - $25,182.37
Location:	As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: May 10, 2017	Closing Date: May 21, 2017 or Until Filled

Re-Announcement No. 17-025

Position Title:	**Archivist**
Department:	Library Programs & Services
Pay Level & Step:	34/01 – 34/02
Annual Salary:	$47,534.95 - $49,198.68
Location:	As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: May 10, 2017	Closing Date: May 21, 2017 or Until Filled

Re-Announcement II No. 17-026

Position Title:	**Instructor, Health & Physical Education**
Department:	Sciences, Mathematics, Health & Athletics
Pay Level & Step:	32/01 – 32/02
Annual Salary:	$41,527.83 - $42,981.30
Location:	As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: May 10, 2017	Closing Date: May 21, 2017 or Until Filled

Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm on the closing date. If there are no qualified applicants or the set of qualified applicants is deemed an insufficient pool, the closing date will be extended for two-week periods for further submission and review of applications until the search is closed. Deadlines that fall on a non-business day will be extended to the next business day. All salaries are subject to availability of funds. The College is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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INVITATION FOR BID

ITBI 7-GOV-133 Department of Public Safety
Smiling Cove Facility and Impound Lot Facility Repairs and Renovations
FEMA DR-4235-MP PA PW 52

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Public Assistance Program are soliciting sealed bids for the repair and renovation of the Department of Public Safety Smiling Cove Facility in Garapan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available May 15, 2017, at the Public Assistance Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan. A $100.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment be present when obtaining a project package. **All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.**

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, currently in effect, and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70-30-3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit for this project on June 5, 2017, at 9:00 am ChST at the DPS Smiling Cove Facility in Garapan, Saipan and the Impound Lot Facility in Lower Base, Saipan, immediately after. Questions concerning this project shal1 be directed to Patrick C. Guerrero in writing on or before June 9, 2017 to the Public Assistance Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, by email to: patrickguerrero.pa@gmail.com, or fax (670) 664-2408. All responses to inquiries will be shared with all prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked *ITBI 7-GOV-133 Department of Public Safety Smiling Cove Facility and Impound Lot Facility Repairs and Renovations*. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan no later than **10:30 a.m. ChST June 16, 2017**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 9 a.m. ChST June 16, 2017, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than June 16, 2017, and the bid documents must be received no later than June 30, 2017. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan at *9:00 a.m. ChSTJuly 3, 2017*. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be open at *10:30 a.m. ChST June 16, 2017*.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract. Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash
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5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by 120 calendar days, the contract time and will be accessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/Virginia C. Villagomez
Governor's Authorized Representative

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
CNMI Procurement & Supply

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In Re The Matter Of The Petition To Appoint General Guardianship For: M.P.H. (02/22/2001) Minor Child By: Marcelly P. Higgins Petitioners	FCD GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 17-0192 **NOTICE OF HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on May 25, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 205A before Honorable Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 4th day May, 2017.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court

By: Deputy Clerk of Court

ANNUAL RITE KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

The Nenpou Shinkyou Buddhist Denomination pose for a photo yesterday with local officials at the Last Command Post after the memorial ceremony for the fallen dead of World War II. The ceremony was first established in 2007 and has been an annual event since then.

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KWAJALEIN ATOLL EDUCATION SUMMIT

RMI focuses on improving children's education

KWAJALEIN ATOLL, Marshall Islands—A first of its kind, the Kwajalein Atoll Education Summit took place on April 26 and 27 on Ebeye Island, Kwajalein Atoll, in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. The summit was themed "Charting our Course: Our Child, Our Hope" and provided a venue for meaningful presentations, workshops and dialogue to take place around improving education for the children of Kwajalein Atoll.

Keynoted by RMI President Hilda Heine and funded through the Compact of Free Association, with grant assistance provided by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs, the summit's aim was to empower local communities, enabling them to begin their children's education at home and continuing in the classroom, leading toward postsecondary and vocational education.

In her remarks, Heine reminded participants of the RMI government's commitment to the education and development of Marshallese children, commended Kwajalein leadership, and hoped to see similar discussions and engagement replicated across the Marshall Islands.

The event was coordinated through public and private partnerships and brought together primary, secondary and postsecondary level educators, the RMI Ministries of Education, Foreign and Internal Affairs, NGOs, other government agencies including many from Ebeye, Kwajalein Atoll, Majuro, Hawaii and California.

Among the topics covered in breakout sessions during the two-day summit were curriculum, accreditation, vocational skills training, and scholarship opportunities for both students and teachers with the College of the Marshall Islands and model schools. Discussions were also held on the importance of parental and community involvement in their children's education as well as teen health and teen pregnancy.

"Reactions from parents attending this summit brought tears to my eyes, and I hope this great initiative has triggered awareness not only in Ebeye but across other Kwajalein Atoll communities," said Jelton Anjain, Kwajalein Atoll associate commissioner. "I know our collective efforts and hard work paid off when parents, impressed by what they have learned, approached me with their commitment to work more closely with the PTA in improving education for their children."

"I applaud the Ebeye community for their focus on improving student performance and educational outcomes," said acting assistant secretary for Insular Areas and Joint Economic Management and Financial Accountability Committee chair Nikolao Pula. «RMI Ministry of Education officials have made excellent presentations to the JEMFAC on the RMI Education Strategic Plan, and I am pleased to see these discussions are spreading to the community level."

Stakeholder participants in the meeting hope to retain momentum, while initiating a five-year strategic plan for the Kwajalein School System that includes private, parochial and public schools. The success of the summit reflected a truly collaborative effort and commitment to educational improvement in Ebeye. Leadership in the RMI plans to make the summit an annual event.

The Ebeye School System, which includes students in K-12 from across the Kwajalein Atoll, including Gugeegue, Ebadon, Mejatto, Ennibur and Carlos islands, has 3,112 students, and next to the Majuro Atoll School System, is the second largest in the Marshall Islands. ***(PR)***

May is Guam Tourism Month

The Guam Visitors Bureau announced Friday that acting governor Ray Tenorio has signed a proclamation designating May 2017 as Tourism Month.

"Not only are we excited in joining the celebration of National Travel and Tourism Week across the United States, but we are going a step further by proclaiming May 2017 as Tourism Month here [in] Guam," said GVB president and CEO Nathan Denight. "We are celebrating the people who keep the visitor industry moving forward and the progress we've made in the over 50 years tourism has existed in our island paradise. Tourism works to support more than 20,000 jobs in our community, fund projects and programs that sustain our Chamorro culture and improve the quality of life for everyone that calls Guam home."

The proclamation signing was followed by a Tourism Works award ceremony. Students in WAVE (Welcome All Visitors Enthusiastically) Clubs competed for prizes in poster and video contests.

Contest winners

Video contest, high school

First place: Jerrycoh Bondoc, Simon Sanchez High School

Second place: Marilea Torcelino, Simon Sanchez High School

Poster contest, middle school

First place: Angela Topacio, Astumbo Middle School

Poster contest, elementary school

First place: Timothy Nucum, Adacao Elementary School

Second place: Mikaela Tibayan, Tamuning Elementary School

Third place: Alvin Nuque, Wettengel Elementary School ***(GVB)***

GUAM VISITORS BUREAU

On May 12, 2017, acting governor Ray Tenorio signed a proclamation that designated May 2017 as Tourism Month. Pictured are Tenorio, representatives from the Guam Visitors Bureau and Tourism Education Council, as well as Tourism Works contest winners.

Rasa graduates from basic training

Rasa

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Ricardo Alfonce A. Rasa has graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Rasa is the son of Francisco and Levie Rasa of Mangilao, Guam, and brother of Thomas Castro of Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. He is also the brother of Annika Zeta, Francisco Rasa, and David John Rasa.

The airman graduated in 2009 from Kagman High School, Saipan, and earned an associate degree in 2014 from Guam Community College, Mangilao, Guam. ***(PR)***

Guamanians support part-time legislature

Sens. Fernando Barcinas Esteves and Tommy Morrison of the Guam Legislature have received positive testimony in support of their Bill 60-34 or the Citizens' Legislature Act, which was publicly heard Friday. Residents, Citizens for Public Accountability, the Guam Chamber of Commerce, and the Republican Party of Guam submitted written testimony in support of a part-time legislature, as quoted below:

Peter Terlaje in support: "I've watched senators become empire builders instead of leaders and we've developed power mongers churning out frivolous pieces of legislation, not for the good of the people, but merely to increase their overall bill count. We have senators introducing irresponsible bills that may adversely affect our island's small business sector -and our economy- who have no clue of what it's like to own and run a business. Partisanship has become more important than progress. Control has won over compromise. 'Me-myself-and-I' has dominated the mission. Enough is enough!"

Hermalito Cruz in support: "A part-time legislature should lead to more efficiency with no more career politicians looking to gain power and recognition."

Former senator Michael Limtiaco in support: "Firstly, the main argument for those in favor of a full-time legislature during these discussions is that the time commitments associated with the duties of a senator warrants a full-time position. However, during my observation there was a significant amount of time spent on what I believe were non-essential tasks. Although, I would not argue that these extracurricular tasks added value and were appreciated by their constituents the impact if not done would not be material[...]I believe that the move to a part-time legislature will increase the opportunity for more participation from our community members. Senators may keep their current employment status and perform their civic duty concurrently. The time constraints could be adjusted so that the focus is only on essential tasks such as a passing a budget, passing legislation and appointments, and oversight. Participation would come from all walks of life and better represent the constituents."

Ken Leon-Guerrero on behalf of the Citizens for Public Accountability in support: "In two years of the 33rd Legislature; 411 bills were introduced along with 513 resolutions. The 34th Legislature is on track to exceed that "dubious honor" of a legislative record by introducing 90 Bills and passing 111 resolutions in a mere *five* months. This single metric alone tells me the legislature has way too much time on its hand. As a community advocate trying to influence the legislature for the past seven years, I cannot tell you how many times I would go to a senator's office to be told the senator was at a wedding, a wake, a burial, a campaign fund raiser, or some other non-legislative event that was more of an informal re-election campaigning event. With a part-time legislature, senators will be able to campaign on their own time and not taxpayer time."

Bobby Shringi on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce in support: "It would be a body that would allow citizens to participate in the legislative process without leaving their careers. Whether they are teachers, nurses, electricians, students, or business people in the private sector under a "Citizen's Legislature" qualified lawmakers would be able to maintain their employment while attending to the objectives of the Guam Legislature."

Esteves and Morrison thank members of the community for offering their input on Bill 60-34. They hope to see the bill receive a public hearing in the coming weeks preferably at a time most convenient for working families. ***(PR)***

New Japanese consul arrives

The new Japanese consul for the CNMI arrived last Tuesday and will take the place of previous Japanese Consul Toshio Matsumura, who announced his retirement over two months ago.

The newly appointed consul of Japan for the Commonwealth is Kinji Shinoda, who arrived last May 9.

Shinoda was stationed in Copenhagen, Denmark before being assigned to the Commonwealth.

Shinoda kicked off his first weekend in the Commonwealth by participating in the Nempou Shinkyou Buddhist Denomination's annual memorial service for the war dead.

According to Shinoda, he has yet to meet with the Japanese community here. "This is my first week, so starting next week, I will try to make many courtesy calls," he said.

Except for Saipan Mayor David Apatang and a House of Representatives member, he has yet to meet any other government officials but he said he will be making arrangements soon. Shinoda met Apatang and Rep. Joseph Lee Pan Guerrero (R-Saipan) as they participated in the memorial ceremony yesterday morning.

Shinoda said he plans to continue to strengthen and promote the bond between the Japanese community and the local community. "As a diplomat, I am always thinking of ways to promote relationships," he said.

He is also thinking of ways in which he can contribute to the Commonwealth during his term as consul. Shinoda said the Commonwealth will be his last consular assignment before he finally retires and he plans to make it count.

Shinoda will be here for two years.

His initial impression upon getting here? It appears to be extremely hot. ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***

Saipan Mayor's Office staff recognized

Two of the CNMI's top government officials visited the Saipan Mayor's Office last Wednesday to recognize its hardworking and loyal staff.

In celebration of Public Service Recognition Week, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog handed out awards to outstanding and long-serving staff of the mayor's office.

According to mayor's office grant writer Luise Villagomez, Public Service Recognition Week aims to show government workers that their hard work is recognized and greatly appreciated. According to Villagomez, without these employees, the community would cease to run effectively and smoothly.

Acting mayor L.J Castro thanked the many civil servants who make up the municipality like the beautification team, the marriage team, the staff, the field operators, the animal shelter, among others.

According to Castro, without each of the divisions and the hard work that they offer to the public, the mayor's office's projects would not be able to succeed as it has for the last few years.

"I know the work that you all do day in and day out isn't easy, but there is a whole lot of things that the mayor's office operates to keep the island going. For that, we thank you," said Castro.

Torres and Castro both acknowledged the hard work of the mayor's office field operators.

"You are the face of the mayor's office and we need your help. …So far, so good and keep up the good work," said Castro.

Torres also acknowledged the hard work of Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang because the employees under him are the reflection of how he is as a civil servant too.

Awards handed out

Plaques were given out in categories of service, leadership, division employee of the year, and employee of the year.

The service award was awarded to employees who dedicated countless years of service to the community. Awards were issued to Vicente Tenorio, Antonio Aguon, Wayne Sanchez, and Ramon Bermudes.

The leadership award went to Leo Babauta who worked diligently for the mayor's office for numerous years as one of the office's field operators.

Employee of the year awards were given to Lorraine Pangelinan of the administrative department, Joaquin Deleon Guerrero of the fiscal and budget department, Antonieto Mateo of field operations, and Shuji Takanobu of the dog control program.

The overall employee of the year went to Antonieto Mateo of field operations. ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***

Ada earn investment fiduciary designation

HAGATNA, Guam—Martin B. Ada, chairman of the Marianas Public Land Trust board, has been awarded the Accredited Investment Fiduciary designation from the Center for Fiduciary Studies, the standards-setting body for fi360.

Ada

The AIF designation signifies specialized knowledge of fiduciary responsibility and the ability to implement policies and procedures that meet a defined standard of care. Designees are required to complete continuing education to maintain the AIF designation.

Ada attended the Fi360 training, sponsored by the Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies, and held in conjunction with APAFS's Annual Pacific Region Investment Conference in Manila. The training was attended by individuals from throughout the Asia Pacific.

"I am so very pleased to have Martin join the select group of dedicated fiduciaries in the region that have successfully completed this rigorous course of studies in order to improve his stewardship capabilities, not only for MPLT, but for APAFS as well," said Gerard Cruz, AIFA, APAFS chairman.

Ada, along with Skye Aldan, AIF, comptroller of CPA, serve as the APAFS board representatives from the CNMI.

Fi360 will be holding the next Accredited Investment Fiduciary training immediately prior to the 17th Annual Pacific Region Investment Conference in Manila Philippines, being held later this year. ***(PR)***

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AGE (years)
Keep your child in the back seat at least through age 12.
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BOOSTER SEAT
Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the forward-facing car seat with a harness, it's time to travel in a booster seat, but still in the back seat.
SEATBELT
Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly. For a seat belt to fit properly the lap belt must lie snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should lie snug across the shoulder and chest and not cross the neck or face. Remember: your child should still ride in the back seat because it's safer there.
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Russian meddling? Seeing is believing

If Americans wanted to view photos of Wednesday's meeting between President Donald Trump, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak, they had only one source to turn to: the Russian government. The Oval Office meeting reportedly was arranged at Russian President Vladimir Putin's request, and Trump was all too eager to oblige.

It seems the White House press office was so worried about potentially bad optics, American journalists were banned from the usual photo op. Officials did allow a Russian government photographer in, apparently unaware that he would transmit the photos around the world, thus giving Putin the images he needed of his friend in the Oval Office.

Trump's beaming smile next to Kislyak came in sharp contrast to the stony-faced photo that emerged in March when Trump met with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and refused to shake her hand.

Bad optics, indeed. Trump had fired FBI Director James Comey only the day before amid an investigation into Russian meddling in the Nov. 8 presidential election. Trump was so concerned about optics that, in his letter firing Comey, he went to pains to assert without substantiation that the FBI director had told him on three occasions that he personally was not under investigation.

The focal point of all this intrigue is Kislyak. It was during a post-election meeting between Kislyak and Michael Flynn, who would become Trump's national security adviser, that the two discussed possible lifting of sanctions imposed by President Barack Obama to punish Russia for election meddling.

Flynn later lied to Vice President Mike Pence about the substance of that meeting. Kislyak, whose communications and movements had been under U.S. intelligence surveillance, knew that Flynn had lied. It was Flynn's susceptibility to blackmail that led then-Acting Attorney General Sally Yates to warn the White House in January about the security risk Flynn posed. Trump fired Yates for different reasons, but kept Flynn on for weeks afterward.

Kislyak also hosted popular gatherings at a Russian government estate at Pioneer Point, Md., which Obama ordered closed as part of the sanctions, listing it as a Russian spy compound. The implication was that Kislyak gave cover to spies and might have been one himself.

The last place this man should have been was in the Oval Office beside Trump. But there he was, at Putin's request.

In an interview with NBC News Thursday, Trump indicated that Comey's job hung in the balance when the FBI director offered his three alleged assurances about the president not being under investigation. The link Trump appeared to draw between the investigation and Comey's continued employment was damning.

The president could soon find himself fighting to keep his own job as congressional and Justice Department investigations deepen. For Trump, the optics were as bad as his judgment.

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Let's examine some recent fake news

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On Tuesday, I was honored to be included on a panel discussion titled "The Search for Truth in an Age of Fake News." Two real journalists, a tech entrepreneur, a neuroscientist from the University of Pennsylvania and Christine "I Can't Believe They Asked Me to Sit Here" Flowers engaged in a two-hour discussion of what is real, what is fabricated, how to tell the difference and whether it actually matters.

It does, of course, matter. As I said from the stage trying desperately to sound as intelligent as my co-panelists, "we are all entitled to our own opinions, but we are not entitled to our own facts." I know what you're thinking, but Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan is dead, so I prefer to call it "tribute" as opposed to "plagiarism."

The evening was a smashing success and proved that people of good faith and inquisitive minds can transcend their biases, if only for a few short hours, and reach across the intellectual and emotional chasms. In some ways, we have already "built that wall," so the discussion provided a glimmer of hope that we can also tear it down, Mr. Gorbachev.

And in the afterglow of the evening, I started thinking about whether there really is such a thing as "fake news," or whether it is all a matter of a "Rashomon," personal prism of perception and naivete. But when I came home to hear that FBI Director James Comey had been fired by President Trump, and when I found out the justification for it from the White House, I realized that we truly are wallowing in an era of falsehoods.

I also realized that it's basically our own fault for swallowing the deceptive sludge.

So I sat down and made a list of the fake news that's been bandied about, and not just since the election of Donald Trump _ because, as I recall, he's not the one who said, "If you like your health-care plan, you can keep it" or "I did not have sex with that woman," or even "I'm not a crook."

In no particular order, here are some of my favorites:

James Comey was fired because of the mess he made of the investigation into Hillary Clinton's emails.

First of all, anyone who actually believes Trump is upset about the botched operation that played a critical role in making Melania miserable for the next four years is clearly one brain wave short of an EEG. There arguably are several reasons why Trump canned Comey in the most classless, inept and suspect way possible, but concern for Clinton is not one of them.

Democrats are protesting the firing because they resent the insult and injury to an honorable public servant and the danger it poses to our national integrity.

What Trump did is troubling and dangerous and the timing is suspect. But that's not why the Democrats are breaking out in hives. Those opportunistic liberals see this as a way to exploit another convenient PR misstep from the Donald (even though his ardent supporters will act like extras from The Walking Dead and stumble along, blindly making excuses).

People who put annoying signs on their front lawns are truly more virtuous than the average schmuck.

I live in one of those towns where more than a few homeowners have plopped "Hate Has No Home Here" signs in full view of the neighbors. I have no desire to put that sort of thing on my grass. In fact, I've been looking for something that says "Hate Rents a Room on My Second Floor," but I can't find it in 78 different languages. I'm as hateful (or not) as the next person. I just don't let stupid signs do my heavy moral lifting.

Women who wear pink crochet hats care about human rights.

This one is way too easy. Just ask an unborn child. Which brings me to:

Science is important to liberals.

This is partially true. They're worried about global warming, spotted owls, the rip in the ozone and other depressing topics. They march in the streets and say horrible things about Trump. But when it comes to the science of pregnancy, they put their fingers in their ears and go "la la la. " They refuse to consider the fetus as anything more than a sack of cells, one that becomes human only when mama says so. As far as life is concerned, science is optional.

Caitlyn Jenner is a woman.

No menopause, no club membership.

And finally, Russia elected Trump.

They tried, they really did. But Hillary blew it all by herself.

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Honoring a mother's frugality

By JENNIFER WARREN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

My mother died in 2010 after a dreadful fight with Parkinson's disease and dementia. She was the strongest and most selfless person I've ever known, and I miss her terribly.

Fortunately, she left behind relics from her too-short life, small rituals that reflect her spirit. In perpetuating those rituals, I feel that I'm honoring her and, in a strange way, that I'm preserving her essence on Earth.

One such practice was hang-drying our clothes. Throughout her life, my mother dutifully deployed a clothesline or drying rack, and I just naturally have kept the tradition going. It's easy, saves money and reduces greenhouse gases.

And it keeps me connected with my mom.

Arlys Carlson Warren began life during the Great Depression, one of four children born to a welder and a schoolteacher. After the stock market crashed, her father was laid off at the naval shipyard in Bremerton, Wash., and for a while, there weren't many potatoes to put in the pot.

Like other American families, the Carlsons slowly rebounded, and out of their adversity came a strong allegiance to thrift. That ethic _ blending fiscal frugality with the practice of never tossing out what might be put to another use _ defined my upbringing, and I honor it as best I can today.

When I was a kid, however, my appreciation of thrift had not yet taken hold. In fact, I found it downright annoying. Saturdays often were spent at Goodwill, where my mother devoted hours to combing dusty bins for random treasures as well as clothes for me and my siblings.

Even on vacation, our family rarely passed a garage sale without popping in for a look, just in case an irresistible lamp shade or soup pot or other gem might be lurking there for a pittance.

Although both of my parents worked and we were solidly middle class, there hovered around us the sense that if we could make do with less _ a smaller, more efficient car, less heat in the winter, a handmade gift rather than something store-bought _ then by all means we should.

Hang-drying our laundry was an emblem of this "small-is-beautiful" life. Although we lived in a foggy climate, my mother religiously draped our clothes on lines and racks outside or in a musty, oversized closet that housed the water heater. Sometimes it took days for our sweatshirts to dry, but she persevered, and we kids rolled our eyes as she described the energy we saved by idling our shiny Maytag dryer.

In many households, those time-saving dryers caused the once-ubiquitous clothesline to fall out of favor beginning in the 1960s. But, thanks to global warming, that's changing now. Unlike a solar panel or a Tesla, a clothesline is a carbon-free item everyone can afford. It cuts energy costs by reducing reliance on dryers, the gas guzzlers of home appliances, and _ bonus! _ prolongs the life of your clothes.

The clothesline never disappeared from our yard, but as my mom's Parkinson's disease progressed, my father took over their household chores, laundry included. Dad was a conservationist too, but I always suspected he continued hang-drying socks, skivvies and other clothes as a tribute to my mom, one small way to deal with his grief during her decline.

In my own home, meanwhile, acceptance of hang-drying came grudgingly. Our two daughters griped about skinny jeans as stiff as plexiglass tubes, and nobody liked the sandpaper towels.

But priorities change.

Not long ago, we went to visit our younger daughter at her college southeast of Los Angeles. As I approached her dorm, I saw something colorful hanging from the railing outside her second-floor room _ her bedsheets.

"You know, Mom," she explained earnestly, "dryers use a lot of energy. This is one way I can help conserve."

Amen to that.

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In various interviews, Trump shows he understands little

By JONATHAN BERNSTEIN
BLOOMBERG VIEW

I was going to write about something else, but frankly I just can't work around what Donald Trump has said in multiple interviews released Thursday. You should really read the full interviews, or at least the excerpts, but here's the gist:

He told the Economist he invented the use of "priming the pump" with regard to the economy. It's probably most associated with Franklin Roosevelt, and even if Trump meant "came upon it" rather than "came up with it" it's remarkable for anyone in his position to be that ignorant of normal economics usage.

Then again, he's never showed that he knows anything about economics.

He spoke gibberish about aircraft carriers to Time magazine: "I said, 'What system are you going to be?' 'Sir, we're staying with digital.' I said, 'No, you're not. You going to goddamned steam; the digital costs hundreds of millions of dollars more money and it's no good.'"

I know very little about aircraft carriers, but the people who do know this stuff confirm that he doesn't know what he's talking about. Not that he's wrong, mind you; he isn't coherent enough to be wrong.

Then he completely contradicted his own explanation on James Comey's firing to NBC News. The old story was that Trump was reacting to a recommendation from the Department of Justice; the new story is that he was always going to fire Comey.

Why does that fit in with the other two quotes? Because it demonstrates that Trump can't be bothered to even master his own talking points, even in something which could put his entire presidency at risk. Or perhaps he's intellectually incapable of doing so. Either way, the president talks and talks without showing any mastery _ any understanding _ of anything.

By the way: I didn't select unusual passages from the Economist or Time interviews; indeed, one might argue that the pump-priming section is among the least incoherent sections. He's utterly incomprehensible when it comes to trade, for example, which is one area which he's talked about for decades and in which he has pretty deep strong views if not actual policies. He's certain that the U.S. is being ripped off in trade deals, but if he actually knows how, or even what those trade deals do, he's excellent at keeping any of that understanding from seeping into what he says.

Vox's Sarah Kliff has the same observations about Trump and health care, based on the Time interview. Trump, she points out, still doesn't seem to distinguish between arranging health care as an employer and designing a national health care system. And Kliff is generous to suggest Trump simply hasn't "familiarized himself with the details of the Republican health care plan." The blunt truth is that Trump has yet to demonstrate even a vague familiarity with its broad outlines.

Look: We have known this since the campaign, but every once in a while it's worth stopping and saying it. On issue after issue, Trump sounds like a student who vaguely recognizes a few phrases and is repeating them until the next student is called upon.

Presidents don't need to know details, although it usually helps. But they certainly should have a pretty good grasp of the broad outlines of multiple policy areas. And they should also have a good sense of what they don't know _ so they're not overly influenced by what one deck officer or one foreign leader or, even, what one cabinet secretary tells them.

It's absolutely terrifying that the president of the United States may not have that knowledge base. But it's worse if we pretend our way around it.

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The pre-existing lie

By RICH LOWRY
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If you've only followed coverage of the Republican health care bill loosely in the media, you might believe that House Republicans, after much effort, passed legislation to deny people with pre-existing conditions health insurance.

The issue of pre-existing conditions has dominated the debate over the GOP health care bill out of all proportion to the relatively modest provision in the legislation, which is being distorted -- often willfully, sometimes ignorantly -- into a threat to all that is good and true in America.

The perversity of it all is that the legislation is properly understood as doing more to preserve the Obamacare regulation on pre-existing conditions than to undermine it. The legislation maintains a federal baseline of protection in such cases, and says only that states can apply for a waiver from it, provided that they abide by certain conditions meant to ensure that no one is left out in the cold.

Since these provisions only involve the individual insurance market, a small slice of the overall insurance picture (about 18 million are on the individual market), and merely make possible state waivers, they are inherently limited.

You're not affected if you get insurance through your employer (155 million people), or through Medicaid or Medicare. You're not affected if you live in a state that doesn't request the waiver (many won't). Even if you buy insurance on the individual market and live in a state that gets a waiver, you're not affected if you've maintained insurance coverage continuously and not had a gap in coverage longer than 63 days.

By this point, we're talking about a tiny fraction of the population. If you do have a pre-existing condition in a waiver state and haven't had continuous coverage, you can be charged more by your insurer only the first year. The state will have access to $8 billion in federal funds explicitly to ease the cost of your insurance, and must further have a high-risk pool or similar program to mitigate insurance costs for the sick.

Clearly, if Republicans set out to recklessly endanger the well-being of people with pre-existing conditions, they didn't do a very good job of it. The purpose of these provisions isn't to punish the sick, but to create an incentive for people to buy insurance while they are healthy. (The Obamacare exchanges are failing because the its tangle of regulations drove up costs and made insurance economically unappealing to the young and healthy.)

It takes all of five minutes to understand the basics of the House bill on pre-existing conditions, yet it has been subject to wildly ill-informed and deceptive attacks. Rep. Frank Pallone of New Jersey said the bill would hurt 129 million people with pre-existing conditions, an exaggerated figure that assumes every single one of them would be harmed by the House bill.

There are certainly legitimate criticisms to be made of the House bill, and ample room for the Senate to improve it, especially by boosting its coverage numbers. But it is not an act of heedless cruelty against the sick. As for its critics, their reflex to demagogic dishonesty isn't a pre-existing condition, just an ingrained habit.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Scattered thunderstorms in the morning, then partly cloudy late.	Variable clouds with scattered thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms.	A few thunderstorms in the morning. Mostly sunny skies during the afternoon.	A few clouds from time to time.
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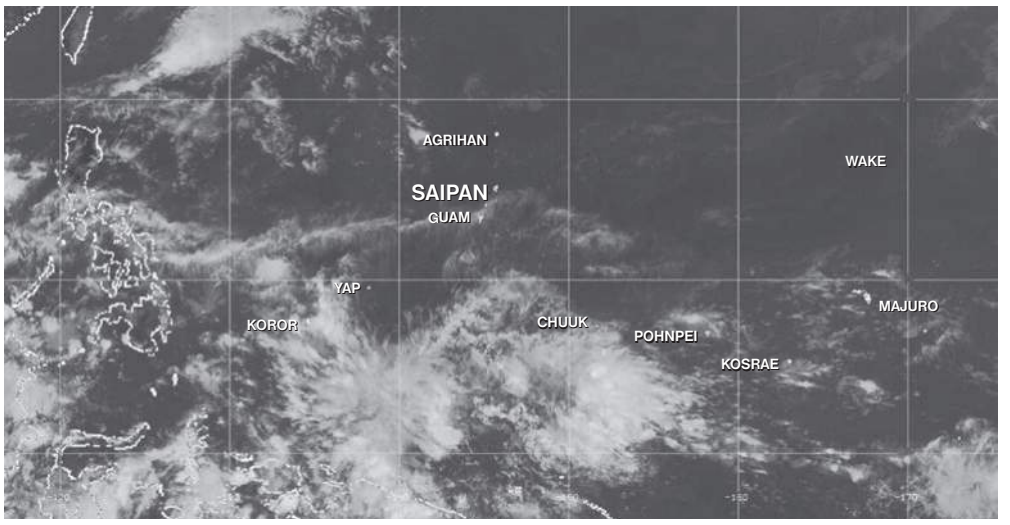

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Early morning satellite and radar imagery showed a weak trade-wind disturbance approaching the Marianas from the east. GFS20 had shown this disturbance for a few days. Loops of radar and satellite imagery would suggest that the bulk of the showers would push across Guam and Rota, but hesitate to take out Tinian and Saipan as the models show showers briefly spreading northward. Coverage just east of the area would suggest scattered showers over the Marianas, but kept showers isolated as models suggest a decrease in coverage as the morning progresses. Height of 40 to 45 dBZ rain shower cores through the freezing level would suggest the possibility of lightning, and indeed the lightning detector picked up a stroke before 4 am. Added a slight chance of thunderstorms to cover this. Dry weather will return tonight and prevail through the remainder of the week.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA	▲	▼	°F
Guam and Rota	Cloudy	88	80 °F
Palau	Thunderstorms	87	78 °F
Yap	Partly cloudy	87	72 °F
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	85	81 °F
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	85	79 °F
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86	80 °F
Majuro	Mostly cloudy	85	80 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲	▼	°F
Auckland	Partly cloudy	62	52 °F
Beijing	Rain	78	66 °F
Hong Kong	Rain	79	74 °F
Honolulu	Sunny	83	72 °F
London	Showers	62	56 °F
Los Angeles	Sunny	69	55 °F
Manila	Thunderstorms	92	78 °F
Melbourne	Mostly cloudy	61	45 °F
Miami	Mostly Sunny	87	75 °F
New York	Sunny	65	52 °F
Osaka	Partly cloudy	75	63 °F
Paris	Mostly cloudy	70	53 °F
Pusan	Sunny	77	53 °F
Rome	Partly cloudy	80	59 °F
Salem	Partly cloudy	55	43 °F
San Francisco	Sunny	61	50 °F
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	74	51 °F
Tokyo	Overcast	71	62 °F
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	72	54 °F

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9:18 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.68
4:39 PM	LOW TIDE	-0.08
11:44 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.79

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:48 AM	6:38 PM
Tuesday	5:48 AM	6:38 PM
Wednesday	5:47 AM	6:38 PM
Thursday	5:47 AM	6:39 PM
Friday	5:47 AM	6:39 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	8:59 AM	10:09 PM
Tuesday	-	9:48 AM	10:56 PM
Wednesday	-	10:38 AM	11:42 PM
Thursday	-	11:29 AM	-
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UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:15pm	7:05pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	2:35am	6:25am	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	3:10pm	7:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily
ZE582	4:25pm	8:35pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	2:55am	6:10am	1, 7
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7
7C3451	3:15am	6:30am	4, 5

SAIPAN-JEJU (CJU)

7C3433	3:55am	7:30am	3, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	5:20am	8:00am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:50am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:10am	10:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:30am	Daily via GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:30pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:50pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	11:10pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:30pm	2 via GUM
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA6390/193	2:20pm	11:10pm	2 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

UO43	4:40am	8:10am	1, 3, 4, 6
HX077	2:15am	5:15am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6391/159	1:30pm	10:35pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA6390/159	2:20pm	10:35pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

LJ651	8:25am	1:45pm	Daily
ZE581	10:15am	3:35pm	Daily
7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW307	8:15pm	1:35am+1	Daily
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	8:30pm	1:20am+1	6, 7
OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6
7C3452	9:35pm	2:15am+1	3, 4

JEJU (CJU)-SAIPAN

7C3434	10:05pm	2:40am+1	2, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:50pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/6395	10:20pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX076	5:50pm	12:45am+1	3, 7
UO42	4:50pm	12:05am+1	2, 6
UO42	6:05pm	1:10am+1	1
UO42	6:10pm	1:10am+1	4
UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, ZE Eastar Jet, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The* Saipan Tribune *is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
6:30AM	6:45AM	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
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5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
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SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
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3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

2017 NMC Charter Day

ERWIN ENCINARES

NMC president Carmen Fernandez, left, swears in the 29th Associated Students of the Northern Marianas College last Friday at the 2017 NMC Charter Day celebration. The new ASNMC officers are, from left, Kenneth Gabrido as president, Leah Fabilla as vice president, Se Ryeon Oh as secretary, and Ruby Belingon, Chelsea Yangerilfil, and Zahra Frazier as ASNMC senators.

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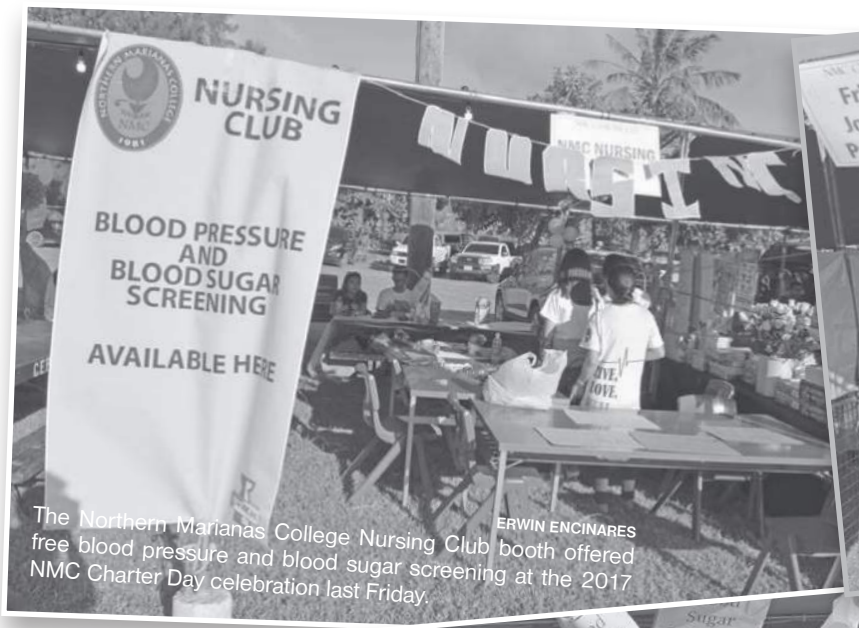
The ring toss area was a big hit for children attending the 2017 NMC Charter Day celebration.



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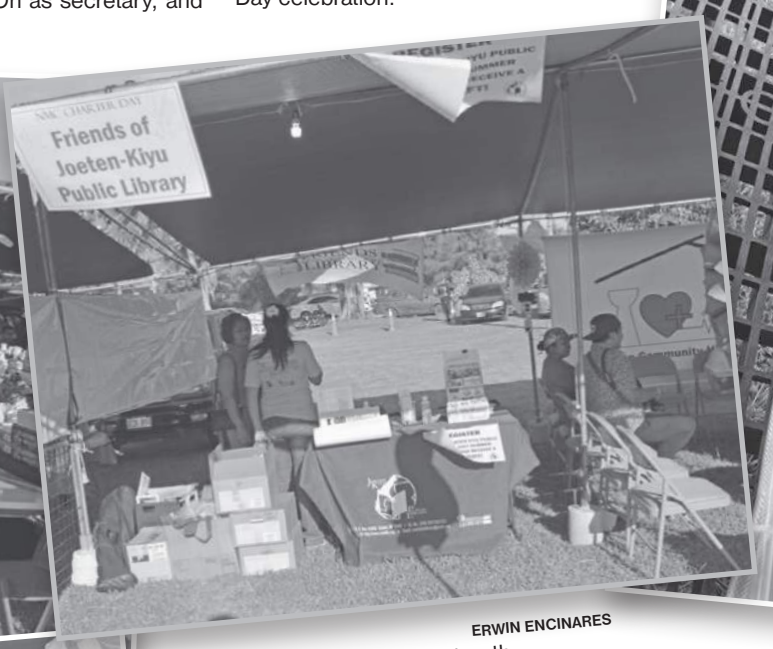
The Northern Marianas College Nursing Club booth offered free blood pressure and blood sugar screening at the 2017 NMC Charter Day celebration last Friday.



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The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library booth.

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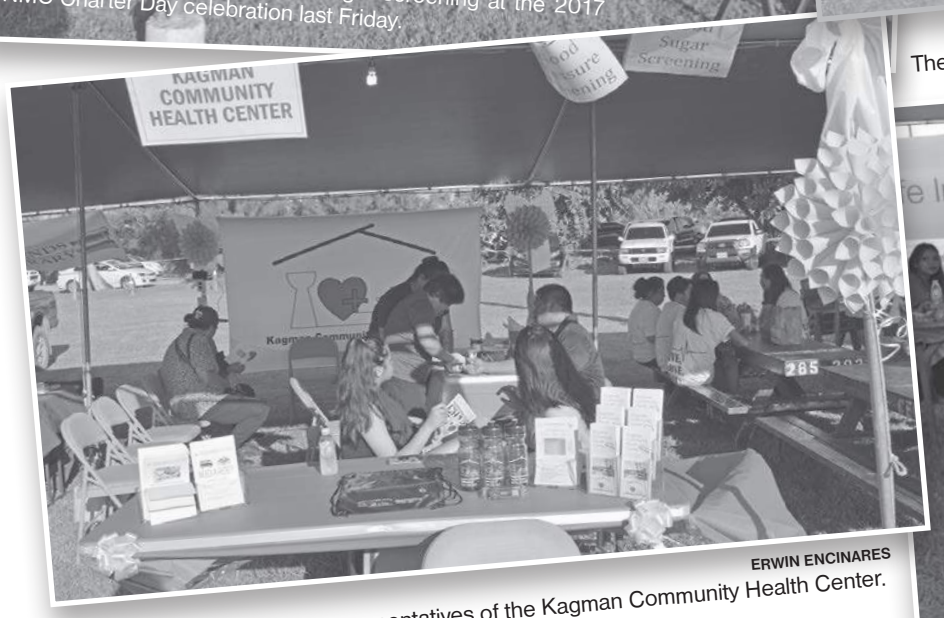

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Representatives of the Kagman Community Health Center.

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The NMC CREES aquaculture development center booth.

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The NMC CREES' Extended Food and Nutrition Education Program booth.

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The NMC School of Education Association set up face painting booths, along with a bouncy house, and ring and ball throwing games for the younger ones last Friday.

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The NMC Cooperative Research, Extension, and Education Services Agricultural Extension booth showed residents special crops that could be grown on Saipan soil.

19th Taste of the Marianas

What remained of the first ever Kadun Pika cookoff at the 19th Taste of the Marianas last Saturday.

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Third place winner of the Kadun Pika cookoff last Saturday is Spencer Angelo.

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Representatives of Japanese travel agencies prepare to taste the dish cooked by the first place winner of the first ever Kadun Pika cookoff last Saturday.

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Andrew Songsong won gold at the first ever Kadun Pika cookoff as the 19th Taste of the Marianas continued at the Garapan Fishing Base last Saturday.

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Blue Dragon members of the Korean community entertain the festivalgoers with acrobatic kicks and flips.

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Japanese media professionals and Japanese representatives of various travel agents in Sendai, Japan, have their picture taken with Marianas Visitors Bureau managing director Christopher Concepcion at the 19th annual Taste of the Marianas.

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Dancers wow the crowd with a traditional Tahitian dance at the 19th Annual Taste of the Marianas.

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Gloria Tenorio placed second at the first ever Kadun Pika cookoff last Saturday at the 19th Taste of the Marianas.

Business

Lucky break slows cyberattack; what's coming could be worse

AP

A screenshot of the warning screen from a purported ransomware attack, as captured by a computer user in Taiwan, is seen on a laptop in Beijing, Saturday, May 13, 2017.

LONDON (AP)—As terrifying as the unprecedented global "ransomware" attack was, cybersecurity experts say it's nothing compared to what might be coming—especially if companies, organizations and governments don't make major fixes.

Had it not been for a young cybersecurity researcher's accidental discovery of a so-called "kill switch," the malicious software likely would have spread much farther and faster. Security experts say this attack should wake up every corporate board room and legislative chamber around the globe.

Security experts tempered the alarm bells by saying that widespread attacks are tough to pull off. This one worked because of a "perfect storm" of conditions, including a known and highly dangerous security hole in Microsoft Windows, tardy users who didn't apply Microsoft's March software fix, and malware designed to spread quickly once inside university, business and government networks.

What's worse, those responsible were able to borrow a weaponized "exploit," apparently created by the U.S. National Security Agency, to launch the attack in the first place

Darien Huss, a 28-year-old research engineer who assisted the anonymous British researcher lauded a hero, said he was "still worried for what's to come in the next few days because it really would not be so difficult for the actors behind this to re-release their code without a kill switch or with a better kill switch. Or we could potentially see copycats mimic the delivery or exploit method they used."

Now that this "WannaCry" malware is out there, the world's computer systems are vulnerable to a degree they haven't been before, unless people everywhere move quickly to install Microsoft's security patches.

This is already believed to be the biggest online extortion attack ever recorded, disrupting computers that run factories, banks, government agencies and transport systems in nations as diverse as the U.S., Russia, Ukraine, Brazil, Spain and India. Europol, the European Union's police agency, said the onslaught was at "an unprecedented level and will require a complex international investigation to identify the culprits."

The attack held hospitals and other entities hostage by freezing computers, encrypting their data and demanding money through online bitcoin payment - $300 at first, rising to $600 before it destroys files hours later.

The worldwide effort to extort cash from computer users is so unprecedented in its nature—the first widely successful example of ransomware that self-replicates like a virus—that Microsoft quickly changed its policy, announcing free security patches to fix this vulnerability in the older Windows systems still used by millions of individuals and smaller businesses. Normally, such patches are reserved for organizations willing to pay for extended support.

Security officials in Britain urged organizations to protect themselves by installing the security fixes, running antivirus software and backing up data elsewhere. Experts say this vulnerability has been understood among experts for months, yet too many organizations either failed to take it seriously or chose not to share what they'd found.

The ransomware exploited a vulnerability that has been patched in updates of recent versions of Windows since March, but Microsoft didn't make freely available the patch for Windows XP and other older systems.

"The problem is the larger organizations are still running on old, no longer supported operating systems," said Lawrence Abrams, a New York-based blogger who runs BleepingComputer.com. "So they no longer get the security updates they should be."

Britain's National Cyber Security Center said it could have been much worse if not for a young cybersecurity researcher who helped to halt its spread by accidentally activating a skill switch in the malicious software.

The 22-year-old Britain-based researcher, identified online only as MalwareTech, explained Saturday that he spotted a hidden web address in the "WannaCry" code and made it official by registering its domain name. That inexpensive move redirected the attacks to MalwareTech's server, which operates as a "sinkhole" to keep malware from escaping.

His move may have saved governments and companies millions of dollars and slowed the outbreak before U.S.-based computers were more widely infected.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-17-024

KAILING DRIVE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified construction firms for the Kailing Drive Waterline Replacement Project, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This work consists of abandoning the existing 4-inch waterline and replacing it with a new 4 inch C900 PVC pipe. Work will also consist of installing new fire hydrant and gate valve assemblies, reconnection of service laterals to the new water main and replacement of water meter assemblies. Payment is only for the items completely installed and accepted by CUC.

This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **120 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $50.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **May 17, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-17-024, CUC Kailing Drive Waterline Replacement Project, Saipan",** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on May 31 , 2017,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms.

Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **4:00 PM (ChST) on May 19, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Joel Puyat, CUC Water/Wastewater Engineer – via email joel.puyat@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Technician- via email marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-17-030

MAUI SHAFT WELLS REHABILITATION PROJECT, SAIPAN, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to develop the method and perform the construction work to remove the cave in soil material in the Maui 4 Shaft Well tunnel and rehabilitate the existing buildings, platforms, shaft, electrical components, mechanical lift system and all other items listed in the scope of work for the Maui 1 and 4 shaft wells. Payment is only for the items completely installed and accepted by CUC. The duration of the contract is **375 calendar days** from date of award.

This project is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from the above mentioned funding agencies.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on **May 25, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to the Maui Shaft Wells facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

One (1) original and four (4) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-17-030 –Maui Shaft Wells Rehabilitation Project"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than June 12, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A *Proposal Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety.

Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 30, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr. CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to LCDR Travis Spaeth P.E. CUC Water-Wastewater Senior Engineer via email address travis.spaeth@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN, Jr.
Purchasing Administrator

Nation

Interviews well underway for new FBI director

WASHINGTON (AP)—Eight candidates for FBI director were interviewed at Justice Department headquarters Saturday as President Donald Trump suggested a decision on a nominee to replace ousted Director James Comey could be announced within days.

Trump was scheduled to leave Friday for his first overseas trip as president. He told reporters it was possible he could make public his selection before he departs for the Mideast and Europe.

"I think the process is going to go quickly. Almost all of them are very well-known," Trump said aboard the plane that took him to Lynchburg, Virginia, where he gave the commencement address at Liberty University. "They've been vetted over their lifetime essentially, but very well-known, highly respected, really talented people. And that's what we want for the FBI."

AP

Special Agent in Charge Adam Lee of the FBI's Richmond, Virginia office, leaves the U.S. Department of Justice on Saturday, May 13, 2017.

Trump abruptly fired Comey on Tuesday and later said Comey was a "showboat" and "grandstander" who was not doing a good job. The firing drew a wave of criticism in large part because the FBI has been investigating whether election meddling by Russia involved people in Trump's presidential campaign. Changing rationales for the firing offered by White House aides added an element of chaos to the president's action.

Comey's replacement requires Senate confirmation. The FBI director serves a 10-year term but can be replaced by the president.

So far 14 people—lawmakers, attorneys and law enforcement officials among them—have emerged as candidates. Eight met Saturday with Attorney General Jeff Sessions and his deputy, Rod Rosenstein, throughout the day.

The first candidate to arrive for interviews was Alice Fisher, a high-ranking Justice Department official in the George W. Bush administration.

Also interviewed were:

■ Adam Lee, special agent in charge of the FBI's office in Richmond, Virginia.

■ Acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe.

■ Michael J. Garcia, a former prosecutor and associate judge on New York's appeals court

■ Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, the No. 2 Senate leader and a former Texas attorney general.

■ U.S. District Judge Henry E. Hudson, a Bush appointee who struck down the centerpiece of the Obama administration's health care law in 2010.

■ Frances Townsend, former Bush homeland security and counterterrorism adviser.

Former Rep. Mike Rogers of Michigan, who was chairman of the House Intelligence Committee. An ex-FBI agent, Rogers drew the backing of the FBI Agents Association, which said his diverse background makes him the best choice.

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Job Description

This position reports to the Construction Manager and COO and directs all activities in the facility necessary to operate and support a warehouse at maximum efficiency. The Warehouse Manager will perform a variety of management, administrative as well as physical functions to ensure the timely and accurate loading and unloading of commodities that transit the warehouse. This position will collaboratively work with the team and staff to ensure operational efficiency, safety, and controls are maintained within the warehouse and subject to continuous improvement.

Responsibilities

- Responsible for inventory control procedures
  - Manages inventory levels to ensure crews have material to meet installation needs, maintaining cycle count accuracy (scrap/adjustments/variance/ loss reduction)
  - Meet or exceeds turn goals by balancing inventory levels to ensure targeted demand is fulfilled.
- Manages auditable records including but not limited to packing slips, pick lists, job close-out paperwork, warehouse safety audits, etc., ensuring documents are easily retrievable on demand
- Meets or exceeds spend targets as it relates to variable and fixed costs for the warehouse facility via systems currently in place, and/or works with appropriate staff to establish new systems of measurement
- Demand planning accountability to include appropriate supply Chain interface & partnership
- Metric achievement responsibility – processes & procedures implementation and actions to achieve all metrics
- Responsible for the performance management of a team of up to 3-5 employees
- Mentors and develops warehouse team members for future roles within the company and for vacation and absence coverage
- Determines work schedules and assigns areas of responsibility to warehouse personnel as well as packing, loading, crating, recouping and dispatching
- Establishes and controls handling and storage plans and procedures
- Schedules maintenance for install and audit vehicles where appropriate
- Maintains complete and accurate records of warehouse activities and warehouse personnel hours and continually reviews performance
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Attorney: Wrong man is in prison for wounding law officer

LONG BEACH, Wash. (AP)—A man convicted of shooting a Washington state trooper in 2010 is seeking a new trial, saying another man confessed and that the trooper deliberately misidentified him—something the wounded trooper, now a sheriff, adamantly denies.

Martin Jones, 53, is serving a 50-year sentence after being convicted of shooting Scott Johnson in Long Beach, a tourist town in Pacific County on the southwest Washington coast. Johnson is now the county sheriff.

Jones' lawyer has filed a new appeal, including sworn declarations from local drug dealer Peter Boer that on the night of the shooting, his brother Nick, a repeat felon, "took credit" for it and sent Peter Boer to dispose of gun parts.

Peter Boer also alleged a motive, though no evidence has emerged to support it: Johnson had been shaking down his brother for money in lieu of arrest. Jones' lawyer, Lenell Nussbaum, said that explains why the trooper's statements differed from those of the only other witness—a tow-truck driver who was with Johnson when he was shot, and who said Jones wasn't the culprit.

"Johnson falsely identified Jones as the shooter to conceal his own corruption," Nussbaum wrote.

"That's ridiculous," Johnson told The Associated Press. "It's not true."

Nick Boer, who says he has been clean for six years, also denied it, calling his brother "exotic in his imagination." He and Johnson said they didn't even know each other.

"If that guy's in there innocent, I feel bad about that," he said. "But I don't want the story to be spun like I'm some kind of vigilante killer, or that there was some kind of corruption. Those officers, any I've ever had dealings with, they've done nothing but try to help me."

Johnson was helping the tow-truck driver impound a minivan a little before 1 a.m. on Feb. 13, 2010, when a man approached and asked what they were doing. The man walked off. Johnson would later describe him as appearing extremely angry, while the tow-truck driver, George Hill, testified that he was "real neutral, like no emotion at all."

Armed inmate killed, hostage rescued at Illinois hospital

GENEVA, Ill. (AP)—Officers fatally shot an armed jail inmate who took two nurses hostage at a hospital in northern Illinois on Saturday, several hours after the inmate stole a gun from the correction's officer guarding him, authorities said.

A SWAT team quickly moved in to Northwestern Medicine Delnor Hospital in Geneva after negotiations broke down with the inmate Saturday afternoon, Kane County Sheriff's Off6ice spokesman Patrick Gengler said. Gengler said one officer shot and killed the inmate, whom he identified as 21-year-old Tywon Salters.

The inmate initially took one female nurse hostage, but she was released at some point during the standoff. Salters then took another female nurse hostage, and she was with him when he was shot around 5 p.m., Gengler said.

The second nurse was "extremely emotional and upset" following the shooting, but appeared to be physically OK, Gengler said. She was quickly taken to another room in the hospital.

The standoff began around 12:30 p.m., when the inmate snatched a gun from a correctional officer at the hospital about 40 miles west of Chicago. The weapon was recovered at the scene.

Salters, who was being held on charges related to a stolen vehicle, had been in the Kane County Jail's custody since April 11, and in the hospital since Monday, Gengler said. Gengler said he couldn't release details about why Salter was hospitalized, citing federal privacy laws.

The standoff had been contained to one section of the emergency room as of late afternoon, when SWAT and crisis negotiation teams were called to the scene. Gengler said the hospital's emergency room was quickly cleared, but patients elsewhere in the hospital weren't evacuated.

The hospital went on lockdown, meaning no one was allowed on to the hospital's campus.

"We were able to move patients out of the ER. Those that needed medical care were transferred to other hospitals," hospital spokeswoman Kimberly Waterman said.

Asia

N. Korea test-fires missile, challenging new leader in South

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea on Sunday test-launched a ballistic missile that landed in the Sea of Japan, the South Korean, Japanese and U.S. militaries said. The launch is a direct challenge to the new South Korean president elected four days ago and comes as U.S., Japanese and European navies gather for joint war games in the Pacific.

It wasn't immediately clear what type of ballistic missile was launched, although the U.S. Pacific Command said that "the flight is not consistent with an intercontinental ballistic missile."

Outside militaries will closely analyze what the North fired. While Pyongyang regularly tests shorter-range missiles, it is also working to master the technology needed to field nuclear-tipped missiles that can reach the U.S. mainland. Past North Korean missiles have flown farther than Sunday's test, landing closer to Japan, but this launch follows a series of high-profile failures.

Whatever the type of missile, the launch forces the new South Korean leader, Moon Jae-in, to put dealing with Pyongyang, at least for now, above the domestic economic agenda he'd made a priority during his early days in office.

Moon, a liberal who favors a softer approach to the North than his conservative predecessors, strongly condemned the launch during an emergency national security meeting, calling it a clear violation of U.N. Security Council resolutions and a serious challenge to international peace and security, according to senior presidential secretary Yoon Young-chan.

"The president expressed deep regret over the fact that this provocation occurred just days after a new government was launched in South Korea," Yoon told a televised conference. "The president said we are leaving open the possibility of dialogue with North Korea, but we should sternly deal with a provocation to prevent North Korea from miscalculating."

Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said the missile flew about 800 kilometers (500 miles) from a launch site on North Korea's western coast for about 30 minutes and landed in the Sea of Japan, but not inside Japan's exclusive economic zone. Japan's Defense Ministry says the missile likely reached an altitude of 2,000 kilometers (1,240 miles). Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told reporters Sunday that the launch is "absolutely unacceptable" and that Japan will respond resolutely.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement that the missile was fired early Sunday morning from near Kusong, in North Phyongan province.

North Korea's past satellite rocket launches have been called clandestine tests of ICBM technology, but it is not believed to have tested a true intercontinental ballistic missile yet. The Trump administration has called North Korean ballistic and nuclear efforts unacceptable and has swung between threats of military action and offers to talk as it formulates a policy.

The North's state media said Saturday the nation will bolster its nuclear capability unless the United States abandons its hostile policy.

"The United States should never expect us to give up our nuclear capability," the main Rodong newspaper said in a commentary carried by the Korean Central News Agency. It said U.S. President Donald Trump's "maximum pressure and engagement" policy is only aimed at "stifling us" and will compel the North to "strengthen our nuclear deterrent at the maximum speed."

The launch also comes as troops from the U.S., Japan and two European nations gather on remote U.S. islands in the Pacific for drills that are partly a message to North Korea. The USS Carl Vinson, an aircraft supercarrier, is also engaging with South Korean navy ships in waters off the Korean Peninsula, according to Seoul's Defense Ministry.

Last week South Koreans elected Moon to replace conservative Park Geun-hye, who is in jail awaiting a corruption trial. North Korea needs tests to perfect its missile program, but it also is thought to stage its launches after the elections of new U.S. and South Korean presidents in an attempt to gauge a new administration's reaction.

AP

People watch a TV news program showing a file image of a missile launch conducted by North Korea, at the Seoul Railway Station in Seoul, South Korea, Sunday, May 14, 2017.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Afghan wounded warriors compete for spot in Invictus Games

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Wounded warriors from Afghanistan's National Security Forces are competing for a spot in the Invictus Games to be held in Canada in September. The NATO Resolute Support mission hosted a selection event Saturday for seven openings on the Afghan forces wounded warriors' team that will compete against soldiers and veterans from 17 countries in Toronto. The Invictus Games are an international Paralympic-style multi-sport event created by Britain's Prince Harry. Afghan soldiers and veterans are taking part for the first time. About 40 athletes participated in Kabul on Saturday but only seven athletes and several alternates will be chosen for the final team in indoor rowing, seated volleyball and power lifting events. The third Invictus Games take place Sept. 23-30.

India, Pakistan army trade fire in Kashmir; 2 civilians dead

SRINAGAR, India (AP)—Indian and Pakistani troops traded fire in the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir on Saturday, killing two civilians and wounding six others, officials said. Indian army spokesman Lt. Col. Manish Mehta said Pakistani soldiers started shelling and firing at Indian military posts in the morning in the Nowshera sector along the highly militarized Line of Control that divides the region between India and Pakistan. He said that Indian troops returned fire and that the gunbattle was still ongoing Saturday afternoon. Pakistan's army denied that it initiated the clash and instead blamed Indian soldiers for firing and shelling in at least seven sectors in violation of a 2003 cease-fire. It said three Pakistani civilians were wounded in the violence.

Nepalese vote in 1st local elections in 20 years

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP)—Nepalese were voting Sunday for representatives in municipal and village councils for the first time in two decades, a sign that the country's fractious democracy may be stabilizing. Crucial local positions have been occupied by government-appointed bureaucrats because elections could not be held amid a 10-year-old communist insurgency and years of delay in drafting a new constitution. "The mayor is more important than the prime minister for us and the ward chairman is greater than a minister. All of us are gathered here for democracy," said Sagar Lal Shrestha, a retired businessman. The first phase of voting in half of the Himalayan nation on Sunday has been mostly peaceful. An army ordnance disposal team safely detonated two explosive devices near capital Kathmandu that were planted across from a candidate's house.

China's leader offers billions for new Silk Road initiative

BEIJING (AP)—Chinese President Xi Jinping on Sunday offered tens of billions of dollars for projects that are part of his signature foreign policy initiative linking China to much of Asia, Europe and Africa.

Xi made the announcement in his opening address to a two-day "Belt and Road" conference in Beijing that brought together leaders from 29 countries. It was Xi's latest high-profile appearance that seeks to cast him as a global leader and chief advocate for free trade.

"We should build an open platform of cooperation and uphold and grow an open world economy," Xi said. Despite China's public defense of free trade, Beijing faces mounting complaints that the government is hampering or reducing market access to foreign companies.

Xi said China would contribute 100 billion yuan ($14.5 billion) to the Silk Road Fund, which was set up in 2014 to finance infrastructure projects and provide aid worth 60 billion yuan ($8.7 billion) to developing countries and international organizations taking part in the initiative to revive the ancient trade route.

Two Chinese banks will also set up lending schemes valued at 380 billion yuan ($55 billion) to support the initiative, Xi said.

Presidents Vladimir Putin of Russia and Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey also spoke at the opening ceremony.

Washington is being represented by a junior delegation led by Matt Pottinger, special assistant to the president and senior director for East Asia at the National Security Council.

Governments from Washington to New Delhi worry that Beijing is using the initiative to build its own political influence and erode theirs, or that China might undermine environmental standards or leave poor countries burdened with debt.

India delivered an implicit criticism of China's plan Saturday in a statement from its foreign ministry that said such an initiative should meet international norms and not create unsustainable debt.

India also has objected to Chinese state-owned companies working in the Pakistani-held part of Kashmir, the Himalayan region claimed by both sides, seeing that as an endorsement of Pakistan's control.

"No country can accept a project that ignores its core concerns on sovereignty and territorial integrity," the statement said.

Some diplomats and political analysts say Beijing is trying to create a political and economic network centered on China, push the United States out of the region and rewrite rules on trade and security.

Seeking to portray the initiative as welcoming and inclusive, Xi promised to avoid forming a "small group" of allies, which he said might harm regional stability. Instead, he said, Beijing wants "partnerships of friendship" and a "big family of harmonious coexistence."

World

For Palestinians in Lebanon, 69 years of despair

AP

In this Thursday, May 4, 2017 photo, a boy walks by graffiti of the Palestinian flags with Arabic reads: "The flag is four colors that shine on the face of the sun" in the Bourj al-Barajneh Palestinian refugee camp in Beirut, Lebanon.

SIDON, Lebanon (AP)—Ahmad Dawoud recalls the day 10 years ago when a Lebanese soldier asked to search his taxi. Then 17, the Palestinian didn't wait for the soldier to find the weapons hidden in the trunk.

He jumped from the car and fled into the nearby Palestinian refugee camp, where the Lebanese army has no authority.

But it was not long afterward that Dawoud, who once admired the radical groups that have sprouted in the camps in Lebanon, decided he was tired of running. That same year, in 2007, he surrendered to authorities and spent 14 hard months in jail.

Although he was released without a conviction, he couldn't erase the biggest strike against him: As a Palestinian in Lebanon, he is a stateless, second-class resident in the only country where he's ever lived.

On Monday, Palestinians mark 69 years since hundreds of thousands of them were forced from their homes during the 1948 war that led to the creation of Israel. Many settled in the neighboring West Bank, Gaza, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

As refugees, various U.N. charters entitle them and their descendants to the right to work and a dignified living until they can return to their homes or such settlement is reached.

But Palestinians in Lebanon suffer discrimination in nearly every aspect of daily life, feeding a desperation that is tearing their community apart.

Many live in settlements officially recognized as refugee camps but better described as concrete ghettos ringed by checkpoints and, in some cases, blast walls and barbed wire. The U.N. runs schools and subsidizes health care inside.

In Lebanon, there are 450,000 refugees registered in 12 camps, where Lebanese authorities have no jurisdiction inside.

"Our lot is less than zero," Dawoud said in a recent interview outside Ein el-Hilweh, the crowded camp in Sidon that is one of the most volatile.

On peaceful days, children play in the damp alleys and merchants park their carts of produce along the camp's main streets.

But the place feels hopelessly divided along factional and militant lines, and it frequently breaks down into fighting between Palestinian security forces and militants or gangs that capitalize on the general despair.

Last month, 10 people were killed in a flare-up that drove out thousands of the camp's estimated population of 75,000.

Palestinians are prohibited from working in most professions, from medicine to transportation. Because of restrictions on ownership, what little property they have is bought under Lebanese names, leaving them vulnerable to embezzlement and expropriation.

They pay into Lebanon's social security fund but receive no benefits. Medical costs are crippling. And they have little hope for remediation from the Lebanese courts.

Doctors are prohibited from working in the Lebanese market, so they find work only in the camps or agree to work for Lebanese clinics off the books, and sign prescriptions under Lebanese doctors' names. That leaves them open to employer abuse, a condition normally associated with low-skill work.

"If a young boy gets in trouble because he is Palestinian, the prosecutor writes in his note to the judge, 'He is Palestinian,' meaning: 'Do what you wish to him. Be cruel to him. Forget about his rights,'" said Sheikh Mohammad Muwad, a Palestinian imam in Sidon.

The crush of war refugees from Syria has made it even harder for Palestinians here to find work. Nearly six in 10 under age 25 are unemployed, according to the U.N.'s Palestinian relief agency UNRWA, and two-thirds of all Palestinians here live below the poverty line.

UNRWA country director Claudio Cordone said they feel trapped in political limbo and see an "almost total lack of meaningful political prospects of a solution" to their original displacement from Palestine.

Lebanese politicians say that assimilating Palestinians into society would undermine their right to return. But Palestinians say they are not asking for assimilation or nationality, just civil rights.

"They starve us, so we go back to Palestine. They deprive us, so that we go back to Palestine. Well, go ahead, send us back to Palestine! Let us go to the border, and we will march back into Palestine, no matter how many martyrs we must give," Muwad said.

For those in the camps, the line between hustling and criminality is often blurred. Unemployed and feeling abandoned by the authorities, many turn to gangs for work.

Adding to this is a widely shared disaffection with the Palestine Liberation Organization, which many Palestinians now see as having sold out their rights with the failed Oslo Accords of 1994.

This has helped fuel the rise of radical Islam - a shift in the occupied Palestinian territories that is reflected by Hamas' rising popularity, and one outside the territories in the meteoric trajectory of militant groups such as Fatah al-Islam in the volatile and deprived Nahr al-Bared camp.

Growing up in Nahr al-Bared, a camp much like Ein el-Hilweh, Dawoud felt a strong affiliation for Fatah al-Islam, his gateway to radical extremism.

"They were the only ones who seemed honest," he said. "Of course, later I figured out they were just like everyone else, too."

In 2007, the Lebanese army razed most of Nahr al-Bared to crush Fatah al-Islam.

By that time, Dawoud already was in Ein el-Hilweh, and his arrest was the beginning of a slow falling out with the gangs that once sheltered him and treated him like a brother. After his stint in prison, they began to feel they couldn't trust him, and he was chased out of Ein el-Hilweh in 2013. Now, he can only enter the parts of the settlement firmly under PLO control.

Jordanian stabber shot dead in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM (AP)—An Israeli police officer shot dead a Jordanian attacker who stabbed him in the Old City of Jerusalem on Saturday, police said, in a rare incident that sparked tension between the two countries.

Police spokeswoman Luba Samri said the attacker quickly pulled a knife and stabbed the officer several times, moderately wounding him. Samri said the officer responded by opening fire and killing his attacker, a 57-year-old man from Jordan who arrived several days earlier on a tourist visa. Closed circuit footage released by police shows a bald man in a jacket lunging at the uniformed officer and swiping a knife at him before pinning him to the ground.

Jordanian government spokesman Mohammed Momani said Jordan holds Israel responsible for the killing of its citizen and denounced the "crime."

The Israeli government called the Jordanian reaction "outrageous."

"It's time for Jordan to stop playing this double game," the prime minister's office said in a statement. "Just as Israel condemns terror attacks in Jordan, Jordan must condemn terror attacks in Israel. Terror is terror wherever it is."

The incident marked a rare instance of a foreign national involved in the spate of attacks targeting Israel over the past two years.

Since 2015, Palestinian attackers have killed 42 Israelis, two visiting Americans and a British student, mainly in stabbing assaults. During that same time, Israeli forces have killed some 245 Palestinians. Israel has identified most of them as attackers.

Israel has blamed the violence on incitement by Palestinian political and religious leaders compounded on social media sites. The Palestinians say it is rooted in nearly 50 years of military occupation and dwindling hopes for independence.

The attacks have diminished over time and Israeli police say the most recent attacks have not been ideological by nature and have mostly been carried out by Palestinians plagued by personal or mental health issues.

Train derailment in northern Greece leaves 4 dead, 5 injured

ADENDRO, Greece (AP)—An intercity train derailed in northern Greece, leaving four passengers dead and five seriously injured, including the driver, the state railway said in a statement early Sunday.

The train, with 70 passengers, was traveling on the Athens-Thessaloniki route when it went off the rails and crashed through a house by the village of Adendro, 40 kilometers (25 miles) west of Thessaloniki, on Saturday night.

"I was sitting on my porch. I saw a flash and immediately heard a terrible explosion," Giorgos Mylonas, 78, told The Associated Press. "Then I saw the train enter (a nearby) house and heard the two Albanians who live there scream for help."

One of the three-story house's two tenants said he and his friend jumped from the balcony.

"We heard a terrible explosion and we were very scared," said Mir, 26, who only gave his first name.

The train's engine went right through the house, whose bottom floor is storage space. The house is now tilting.

A local official, Mavroudis Mintsioudis, said "the whole house is now leaning on the train, which shows you how severe the crash was."

Emergency workers, along with two dozen fire trucks and many ambulances, are on the scene. Police wouldn't let anyone get close, but a dog sniffing through the wreck could be seen alongside firefighters.

Health & Fitness

5 ways to jump-start a healthy morning

Drinking a glass of water first thing in the morning can help jump-start your day.

DREAMSTIME

By JESSI ROTI
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The alarm goes off and you hit "Snooze," maybe even twice.

While brushing your teeth, you begin to check your work email.

There never seems to be enough caffeine in your coffee, so you end up having at least three cups before noon.

The Pop-Tarts in the office vending machine look better than the banana you grabbed before running out the door to catch the train.

Does any part of this morning routine sound familiar?

Many people get stuck in their morning routine, and while it's not always terrible to hit the snooze button for an extra five minutes of rest, or answer a work email before you step foot in the office, it doesn't necessarily provide you with the energy you'll need to feel awake and alert the rest of the day.

The Chicago Tribune asked two experts—Dr. Maria Reyes of Rush University Medical Center and Dr. Wendy Yoder, a neuroscientist—to share tips on how to jump-start a healthy morning, mentally and physically.

Water before coffee. Reyes and Yoder recommend drinking between 8 and 16 ounces of water first thing in the morning. Yoder says water, which makes up about 80 percent of your brain tissue, will help you "fully wake up and maximize cognitive capacity." She also suggests adding fresh lemon, which improves gut health and positively impacts brain health.

Reyes adds that water also helps flush toxins from the body and could potentially increase your metabolism.

"Drinking water (opposed to coffee) upon waking will replenish what you've lost overnight," she said.

Once you've had water, watch your coffee intake.

"The caffeine can help increase alertness and give you that energy boost you might need in the morning." Reyes said. "There have been studies linking moderate coffee consumption (two to five cups per day) with decreased diabetes and heart disease/stroke risk, even cancer, due to its antioxidant properties. However, too much coffee (greater than six cups per day) can cause insomnia, tremors and contribute to heartburn."

Adding a lot of sugar and milk to your coffee also can negate its possible health benefits.

Leave the work email for the office. "Although taking care of emails prior to getting into work seems like it would give you a head start on your day, it may actually delay and distract you and increase your stress levels," Reyes says.

Instead, she and Yoder recommend replacing the time spent checking your email with "mindful exercises" like meditation, which can help you focus and relieve stress, or even writing in a journal or playing with a pet. It's all about priming your brain for the day without using that energy toward something cognitively or emotionally draining.

Move your body. Even if you can't get the recommended 45-minute workout into your morning routine, there are quick and simple alternatives.

"Do not lay in bed," Yoder says. "Even if you lack the energy for exercise early in the morning, at least get out of bed and walk to another room. Movement wakes up the brain."

Reyes suggests a seven-minute combination of "stretches, plank exercises and some jump-roping."

Eat a breakfast full of healthy fats and protein. "Consider a breakfast bowl containing some brown rice or quinoa, spinach and an egg," Reyes says. "An egg white omelet with some low-fat cheese can also provide you with some healthy nutrients to keep you energized."

Yoder agrees, "Although we are constantly reminded that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, the crucial factor is to emphasize quality."

She suggests adding full-fat cream or coconut oil to coffee, which she says enhances attention far better than a bowl of cereal. "Eating carbohydrate-heavy meals first thing in the morning will cause glucose levels to spike, resulting in sluggishness and mental fatigue a few hours later."

Reyes also exercises caution toward juicing, which is often cited as a more time-efficient, healthier breakfast option.

"Don't be fooled," she said. "Sometimes you can inadvertently consume too much sugar if you mix a lot of fruit with your spinach/kale. It's probably best to just eat a piece of fruit instead of juicing it."

Turn on the light. Remember when you wanted to sleep in instead of getting ready for school when you were younger and your mom would come in, turn on the light or push back the drapes covering your window and completely ruin your day?

Well, your mom was doing you a favor all along.

"Our sleep cycles naturally attune to light," Yoder said. "If natural light is possible, this will help promote alertness and stimulate the brain to wake up. Also, it will serve as a consistent daily cue."

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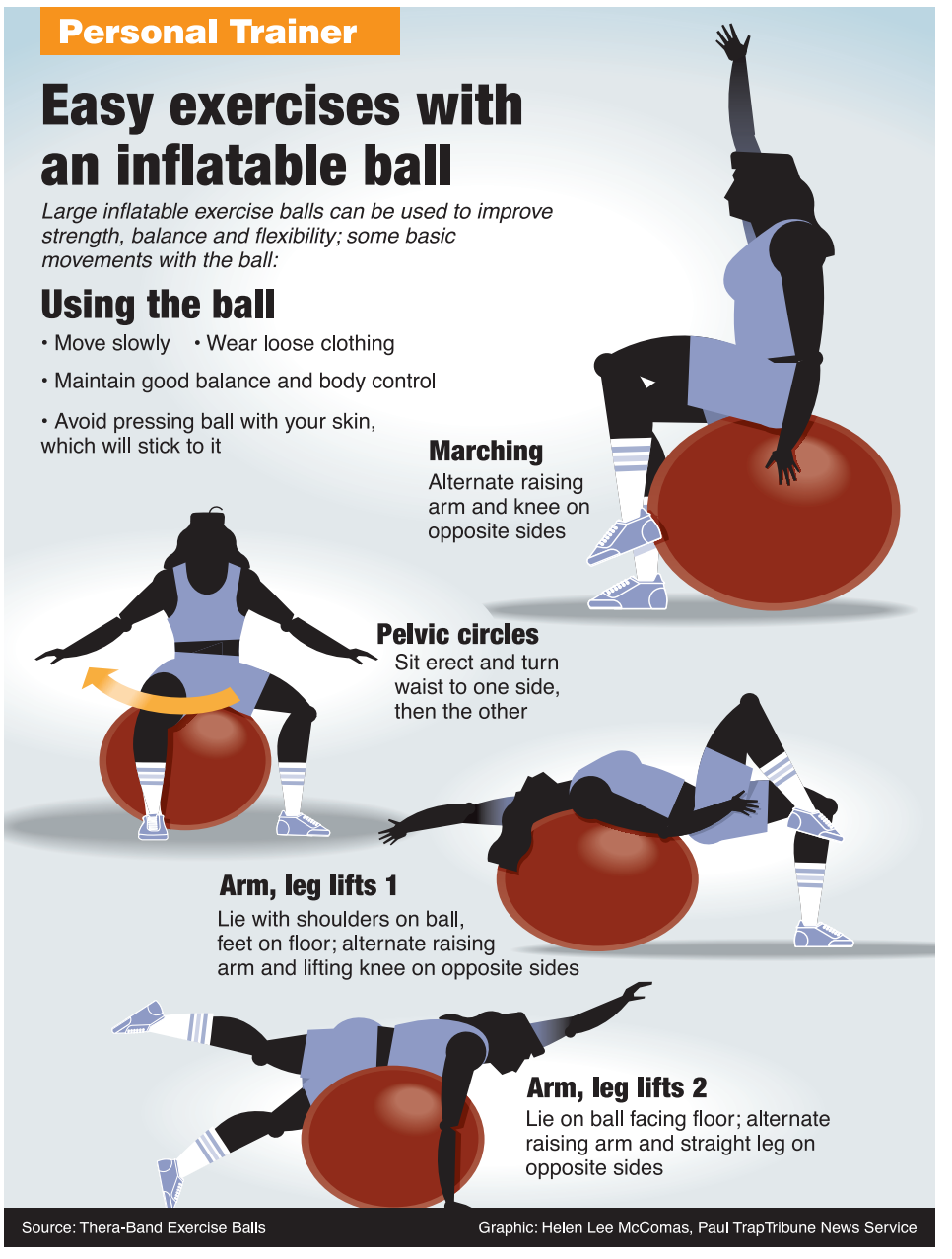
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Life & Style

Trump suggests he might drop daily press briefings

NEW YORK (AP)—President Donald Trump threatened to shut down daily press briefings Friday as he sought to defend his White House from criticism of its shifting explanations and misstatements about the firing of FBI Director James Comey.

Trump's statements, through a tweet and later television interview, threaten a Washington institution that is the most high-profile forum for journalists to question the government about policy and the news of the day.

In the Trump era, it has become a cable TV hit and cultural touchstone. Press Secretary Sean Spicer, who was back behind the podium Friday after Sarah Huckabee Sanders subbed for him for two days, has been the subject of memorable lampoons by comic Melissa McCarthy on "Saturday Night Live."

Spicer was back to answering questions Friday about Comey's firing. The White House first said this week that Trump made the move because of a negative memo about Comey from the Justice Department, only to have the president later say he made the decision before seeing the memo. Conflicting stories were the topic of much media discussion.

That led Trump to tweet Friday morning, "As a very active President with lots of things happening, it is not possible for my surrogates to stand at podium with perfect accuracy."

He added, "Maybe the best thing to do would be to cancel all future 'press briefings' and hand out written responses for the sake of accuracy???"

In an interview with Fox News Channel's Jeannine Pirro set to air Saturday, Trump suggested eliminating the daily briefings and instead having one every two weeks—conducted by him.

"First of all, you have a level of hostility that's incredible and it's very unfair," he said. He said Spicer is a nice man "but he gets beat up." Trump would not directly answer questions about whether Spicer, who was out two days because of Naval Reserve duty, would remain in his job.

Like many administrations, the relationship between Trump and the press has been tense. Starting with Spicer's claim that the media inaccurately portrayed the size of Trump's inauguration audience, there have been questions about whether the administration is knowingly providing inaccurate information.

There was some talk as Trump took office that his administration would do things differently and cut back on press access. But Spicer and his team have kept up regular briefings. The president, a devoted viewer of coverage about himself, has given several interviews, most recently to NBC News' Lester Holt on Thursday, although he has favored Fox News' friendlier venue.

White House briefings and news conferences provide both "substantive and symbolic opportunities" for journalists to question government officials, said Jeff Mason, White House correspondent for Reuters and president of the White House Correspondents Association.

"That exercise, conducted in full view of our republic's citizens, is clearly in line with the spirit of the First Amendment," Mason said. "Doing away with the briefings would reduce accountability, transparency and the opportunity for Americans to see that, in the U.S. system, no political figure is above being questioned."

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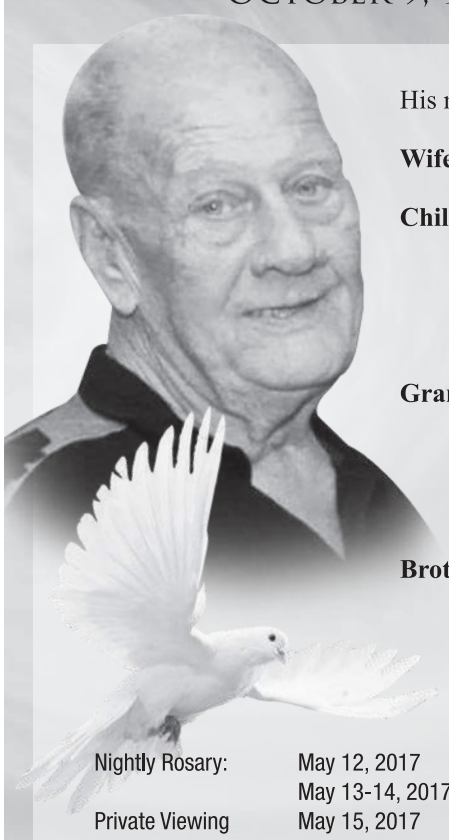

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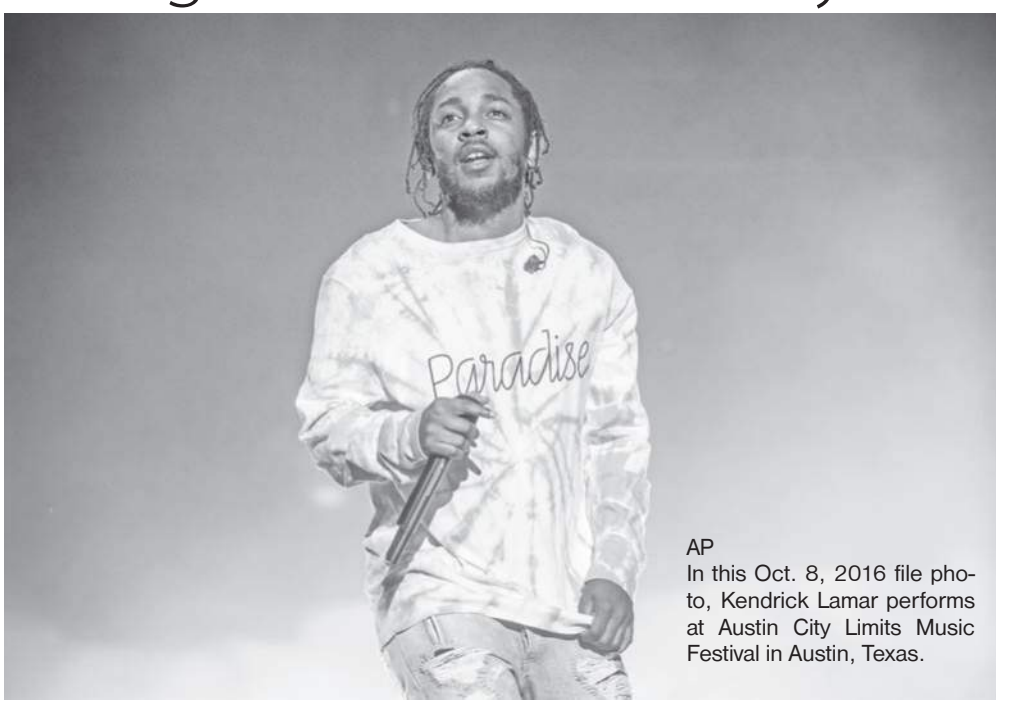
THE FAMILY

With new album, Kendrick Lamar emerges as the artist of the year



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In this Oct. 8, 2016 file photo, Kendrick Lamar performs at Austin City Limits Music Festival in Austin, Texas.

NEW YORK (AP)—Rappers who morph into superstars usually follow a well-traveled path that includes an overabundance of collaborations with other artists, radio-friendly pop hits, a bit of tabloid buzz and a conscious effort to eschew anything that might get too political or socially conscious.

Kendrick Lamar took a different path and still emerged as the artist of the year, and it's one reason he's been elevated to superstar status with "DAMN.," which has dominated pop culture since its release last month. The album, a searing lyrical masterpiece that touches on societal breakdowns, politics, relationships and his own vulnerability—has spawned limitless think pieces, conquered the charts and has had some people calling him a new rap god.

Last year it was Beyonce and her epic "Lemonade" visual. This year it's Lamar and "DAMN."

"In a way, Kendrick is the opposite of a lot of what's popping right now. He's the other side of the pillow," said Tuma Basa, Spotify's global head of hip-hop.

Lamar was a platinum-selling, Grammy-winning star before "DAMN.," but the release of his third studio album has put him on another level. It started with his song "The Heart Part 4," which led to a viral guessing game about which rapper—or rappers—he was referring to on the powerful track featuring his signature sharp rhymes. A week later came "Humble," an insta-hit that topped Billboard's Hot 100 chart and launched a debate about women and butt injections, creating yet another pop culture moment for Lamar.

Melissa McCarthy adds spice (and Spicer) as host of 'SNL'

NEW YORK (AP)—Melissa McCarthy once again brought comic spice plus Spicer to "Saturday Night Live."

After a spate of guest appearances mocking White House press secretary Sean Spicer in recent weeks, she was back on Saturday's edition of the NBC satire show to preside as host.

One sketch featured McCarthy as the hot-tempered Spicer commandeering his motorized podium through the streets of midtown Manhattan—a sequence spotted by the media on Friday while it was being filmed.

The show began with Alec Baldwin reprising his piercing impersonation of President Donald Trump. Interviewed by NBC News' Lester Holt (actually cast member Michael Che), Trump was asked if he could assure the nation he wouldn't name someone "crazy" to replace ousted FBI Director James Comey. Trump said his choice would be "so bonkers" everyone would wish it were Judge Judy.

McCarthy took repeated pies to the face as a hapless contestant on a game show called "Just Desserts!"

Then things got even more physical with the latest White House press briefing spoof. The sketch began with cast member Aidy Bryant playing Sarah Huckabee Sanders, the White House aide who subbed for Spicer for a few days last week. But quickly Spicer jumped from the bushes just outside the press room to reclaim his spot, pushing Sanders aside.

"Let me put this whole Russian thing to bed: Trump is innocent," he seethed at the press corps. "How do we know? Because he TOLD us so!"

Then a reporter asked, "Were you surprised Trump fired Comey before he fired you?"

Blowing his top, Spicer ripped down a support column and hurled it at the reporter.

But was this true? Was Spicer's job really in jeopardy? Had Trump been feeding him lies?

Spicer cranked up his motorized podium and hit the road for New York to confront Trump and find out.

5 immigrant women vie for Miss USA pageant title

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In this May 11, 2017, photo, Miss Connecticut USA Olga Litvinenko, center, competes with others during a preliminary competition for Miss USA in Las Vegas. Litvinenko, who emigrated from Ukraine, speaks three languages and owns her own small business. Five of the contestants vying for the Miss USA title this year were born in other countries and now U.S. citizens.

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Five of the contestants vying for the Miss USA title have a message to immigrant girls and women watching the pageant this weekend: Set goals, work hard and don't stay in the shadows.

The contestants know what they are talking about as they were all born in other countries and immigrated to the U.S. at young ages as their families pursued their versions of the American Dream. The women are now all U.S. citizens.

"I want them to see that anything is possible if you work hard," said Linnette De Los Santos, who immigrated with her family from the Dominican Republic when she was 5 years old. "As Miss USA, I would love to be able to be that inspiration for our immigrant community. If I would have stopped following my dreams and working hard towards what I wanted, I wouldn't be sitting here as Miss Florida USA or in law school ready to become an immigration attorney."

The competition airs Sunday from Las Vegas.

De Los Santos, Miss North Dakota Raquel Wellentin, Miss Hawaii Julie Kuo, Miss Connecticut Olga Litvinenko and Miss New Jersey Chhavi Verg spoke to The Associated Press about the opportunities and challenges they've faced as immigrants.

Their remarks stand in stark contrast to the scandal that enveloped the pageant in 2015, when part owner and now President Donald Trump offended Hispanics when he made anti-immigrant remarks in announcing his bid for the White House. Trump co-owned The Miss Universe Organization with NBCUniversal, but the network and the Spanish-language broadcaster Univision quickly cut ties with him, refusing to air the show. Trump sued both networks, eventually settling and selling off the entire pageant to talent management company WME/IMG.

Wellentin and her family left the Philippines over safety fears when she was 2 years old. Their first taste of American life was in the small community of Enderlin, North Dakota, where she and her siblings felt isolated.

"Nobody wanted to talk to me at all. I came home one day and I asked my dad 'Why am I so different? Why isn't anyone talking to me?'" Wellentin said. "My dad told me, 'You know, you are not different. You are very unique yourself. You have to be strong and really accept this negativity from other people and have it motivate you.' I still keep that in my mind."

Their situation improved when they moved to the larger and more diverse Fargo, North Dakota.

Wellentin, 24, who wants to be a middle school teacher after she completes a student-teaching requirement, said her experiences have taught her to not take no for an answer.

"I want to tell people that they need to make sure that they should not allow anyone to tell them that they can't do something because only you can determine your future," she said.

Like thousands of other immigrants, Litvinenko moved to the U.S. with her family after her mother won the lottery for a green card. She was 3 when they relocated from Ukraine a few years after the Soviet Union collapsed.

The 27-year-old business owner ventured into pageants when she could no longer play basketball after injuring a foot in high school. She won Miss Connecticut Teen on her first try but had to compete five times to reach the Miss USA competition. Her persistence, Litvinenko said, shows that every effort counts.

"I want to showcase that no matter who you are, no matter what your background is, your size or what you have done in the past, through hard work and discipline, through perseverance and determination, you really can achieve what you put your heart towards."

Fox to air live TV production of Broadway musical 'Rent'

NEW YORK (AP)—Fox will be ready with its "Rent" next year.

The network has announced a live TV production of the award-winning stage musical "Rent."

No airdate was specified, but it is likely to be telecast after "A Christmas Story," which Fox has already planned for December.

"Rent" is set in New York's gritty East Village and tells the story of seven artists struggling to follow their dreams during a time of social and political turmoil. It opened to great acclaim off-Broadway in 1996, then soon moved to Broadway.

Marc Platt, who produced "La La Land" and Fox's "Grease: Live," will serve as one of its executive producers.

Don't bother me, or else, Steve Harvey warns his staffers

NEW YORK (AP)—Steve Harvey wants to be alone. So don't be knocking on his dressing room door.

That's just one of several pointed warnings to Harvey's staff emailed by the talk-show host before the start of this season of "The Steve Harvey Show."

Harvey's directive, obtained and posted by Chicago media blogger Robert Feder, also cautions his minions not to approach him in the makeup chair or "ambush" him in a hallway.

Harvey implores his staff not to "take offense" at these new measures, explaining they are for the good of his "personal life and enjoyment."

Since being made public, the memo has sparked scorn and jeering on social media.

On Thursday, Harvey spoke to a reporter for "Entertainment Tonight," and conceded that he should've handled the matter "a little bit differently."

Ex-friend cast out of social circle dream of vegeance

DEAR ABBY: My friend has decided she can no longer tolerate my husband. She feels he doesn't "respect" her. This is far from the truth, in my mind.

We have supported her emotionally and financially from time to time for many years. My husband does have a habit of making clunky jokes (anything for a laugh or to fill the void). But a real friend should see beyond that to the loving, supportive person he is at his core, in his heart, and forgive.

We are now banned from her social group. I find this very harsh -- cruel even. I guess my friendship doesn't count, as I'm being thrown out with the perceived trash as well. I'm depressed and angry, and I want some kind of revenge and to hurt her back. I was so happy with our little group. Now it's been taken away from me. Advice?

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DEAR TOSSED: Yes. Rather than seek revenge, tell the woman how hurt you feel after having befriended her all these years. Time is our most precious commodity. The more time you spend plotting retaliation, the more space this ungrateful woman is taking up in your head, and it's not healthy—for you.

Once you have spoken to her and gotten this off your chest, go on with your life. Continue to see others in the group on an individual basis, if necessary. If they are real friends, I'm sure they'll be glad to do that.

EAR ABBY: I am a 34-year-old single mother (by choice) of a beautiful 3-year-old boy. Because of infertility problems, it took years for me to conceive. I love my son beyond measure and, when I'm not working, I'm usually shuttling him to extracurricular activities and making time after cooking and cleaning to play with him.

Because my world revolves around being a mom, I have a hard time participating in adult conversations without talking about my son and how proud and happy I am to be his mom. I realize this can be irritating to others, and it has become frustrating for me.

I'm educated, opinionated and well-read, but I seem to have lost the ability to relate to other adults and make friends away from my role as a mother. Any advice would be helpful at this point.

PROUD TO BE A MOM

DEAR PROUD: Considering the fact that your total focus is on your child, it's not surprising he's your main topic of conversation. However, because you want to expand your repertoire, broaden it by bringing up current events, which should give you plenty of fodder for conversation.

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR READERS: I am honored to again participate in National Women's Health Week. Women are the primary caretakers in most societies—including our own—but in the process, we too often forget to care for ourselves by eating right, lowering our stress levels with regular exercise and scheduling regular medical checkups. Please don't procrastinate. National Women's Health Week is a perfect time to begin. Visit womenshealth.gov/nwhw for more information.

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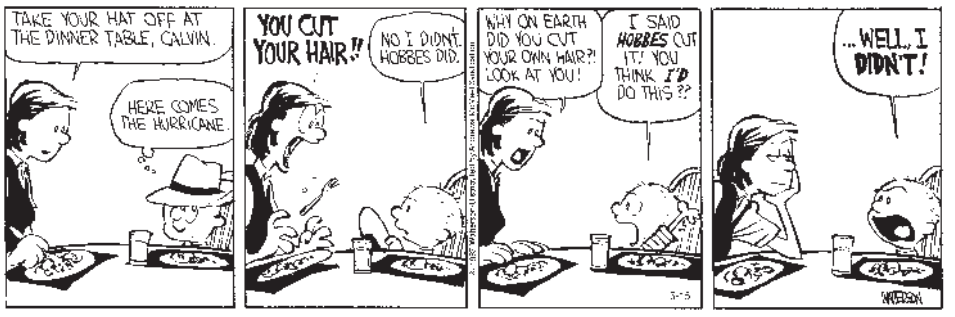
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


TAKE YOUR HAT OFF AT THE DINNER TABLE, CALVIN.
HERE COMES THE HURRICANE.
YOU CUT YOUR HAIR!!
NO I DIDN'T. HOBBES DID.
WHY ON EARTH DID YOU CUT YOUR OWN HAIR?! LOOK AT YOU!
I SAID HOBBES CUT IT! YOU THINK I'D DO THIS??
...WELL, I DIDN'T!

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HONEY, HAVE YOU HOSED THE ROTTEN CHICKEN JUICE OUT OF THE GARBAGE CAN YET?
HOLD ONTO THE MOMENT, NEWMAN.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Priestly garment
4 "Terrific!"
7 Take a nap
11 Male red deer
13 Past
14 Persia, today
15 Sheltered
16 Cartoonist Chast
17 Scrapped mission
18 Rural buildings
20 Prom dress
22 Apprehend
24 Playground fixture
28 Brandy flavor
32 Fountain of Rome
33 Union payment
34 Lass
36 Scoff
37 Puccini work
39 Knot again?
41 Deli meat
43 Curved line
44 Barrel
46 Use the rink
50 Snitch
53 Half of CIV
55 Carolina college
56 Teen's woe
57 Atty.'s title
58 See to
59 Russian refusal
60 Snake's warning
61 Ballot markings

DOWN

1 Melville captain
2 In — land
3 Rabbit's title
4 Distant
5 Awe-struck
6 Class clowns?
7 Formal supper attire
8 Acapulco gold
9 Abrupt turn
10 Rock's Brian
12 It's swung at the U.S. Open
19 Pouch
21 Drench
23 Cranberry territory
25 Crystal gazer
26 Say it's so
27 Lean and supple
28 Big fusses
29 Former larva
30 Stagger
31 Roofing goo
35 Meadow
38 Docs' org.
40 "— Miniver"
42 Resort spots
45 Smooch
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48 Vocal quality
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51 Glacial
52 SSW opposite
54 Mensa stats

Solution time: 26 mins.

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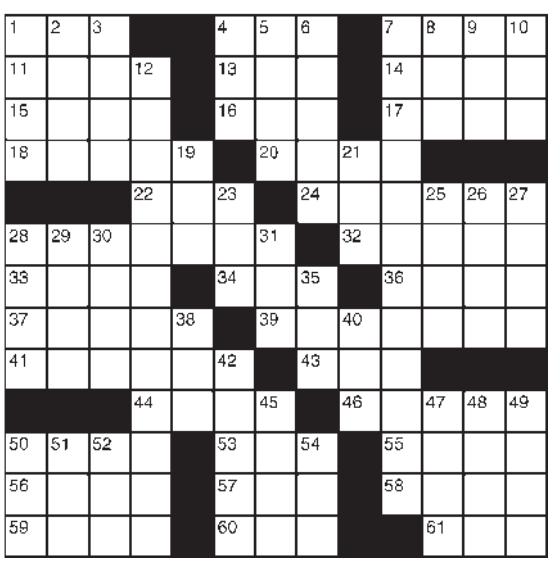

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jamie-Lynn Sigler, 36; David Krumholtz, 39; David Charvet, 45; Chazz Palminteri, 65.

Happy Birthday: Live, learn and experience all you can without going overboard. The key to your success will be living within your means and still enjoying what life has to offer. Travel, engaging in interesting conversations and doing your best to avoid making unnecessary changes with regard to your work, personal finances or physical and mental well-being should be your priority. Your numbers are 5, 12, 17, 26, 32, 37, 46.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Get along with your peers. Don't let professional situations cloud your vision or create an atmosphere that makes it impossible for you to get things done. Do your best regardless of the competition you face. ✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Take in everything you can. Listen carefully, don't jump to conclusions and do your best to stabilize your relationships with people who can influence your future. A creative approach to helping others will help you gain respect and acknowledgement. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Personal gains will be made if you're willing to help others. An encounter with someone who has something you want will give you greater incentive to bring positive change. A change to your appearance will be noticed and complimented. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Emotions will run wild if you create a scenario that is based on assumptions instead of facts. Before you engage in battle with someone over a perceived slight, consider the consequences and rethink how to best handle your angst. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Look outside your comfort zone and you will get a different perspective on the best way to handle personal and professional changes. Stick to what's doable instead of opting to get involved in a pie-in-the-sky idea. Physical improvements are highlighted. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Keep your distance from anyone trying to push you in a direction you are unsure about. Don't put up a fuss, just head in a direction that you find more suitable. Invest time and money into whatever will benefit you. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Don't make a move prematurely. Uncertainty should be enough to make you sit back and consider the ramifications you might encounter. Take on a physical challenge that will improve your core strength as well as your appearance. ✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Share information, discuss new possibilities and find out more about the people you do business with or that you have a personal connection to. Listening can help you discover how to best get someone to do things your way. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Come up with good ideas that will encourage others to take you seriously, making positive changes to your living arrangements. Putting extra effort in your relationship will improve your day. Curb impulsiveness and excess. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Control your emotions. An unexpected offer will not turn out to be as good as you are led to believe. Proceed with caution and hang on to your hard-earned cash. Loss will be the result of an impulsive decision. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Don't mix the old with the new when dealing with people you know personally or professionally. Suggest a doable way to repay or collect a debt so you can move on. Clearing up baggage will give you a new lease on life. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* You have a vivid imagination. Don't share your thoughts with anyone who isn't as innovative and unique as you. If handled properly, you will be able to surprise those unaware of your talents with what you present. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are astute, conceptual and brave. You are willful and demonstrative.

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★ 5/15

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Last Friday's Answer

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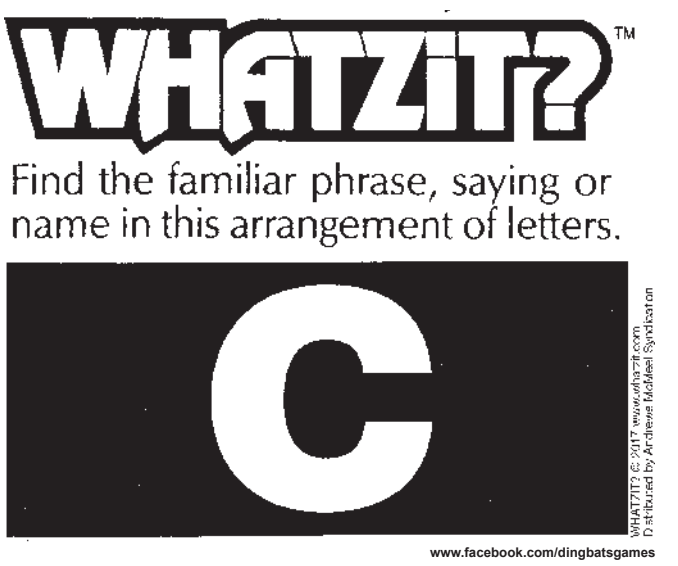
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Warriors, Spurs series filled with familiar story lines

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Leave it to Gregg Popovich to play mind games ahead of the Western Conference finals.

So, what will he do to prepare his defense to stop the high-flying Warriors?

"Pray," Popovich quipped Saturday before the Spurs departed Texas for the Bay Area.

Stephen Curry could only chuckle at that one.

"Gamesmanship," Golden State's Curry said, "I love it."

Popovich doesn't have his old coaching pals Mike Brown or Steve Kerr fooled. Brown spent part of last season working unofficially alongside Popovich and is now coaching Golden State in place of the ailing Kerr, who attended practice Saturday for the first time in more than three weeks as he recovers from his latest procedure to repair a spinal fluid leak that left him dealing with debilitating symptoms.

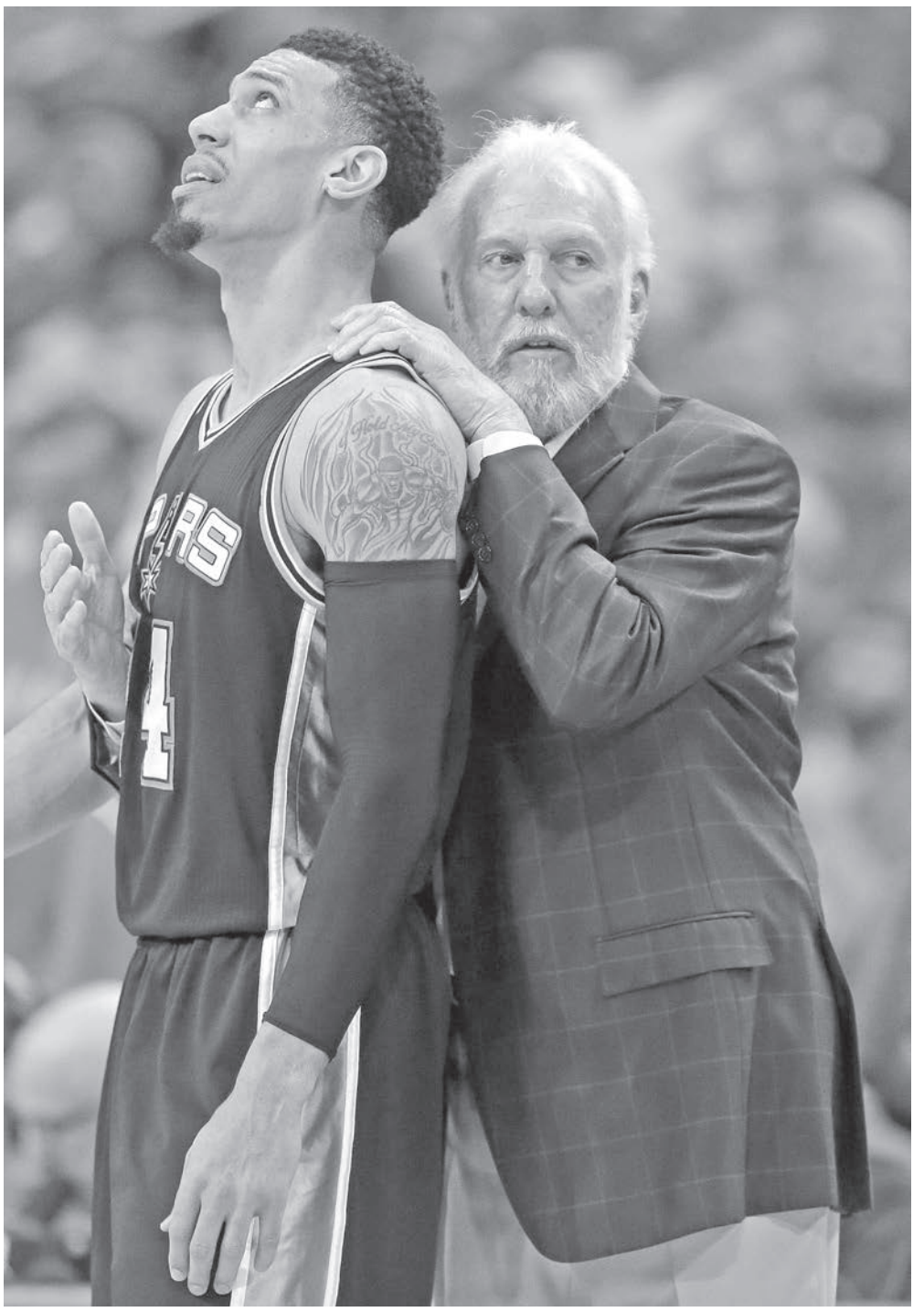
"That's Pop," Brown said with a laugh. "He's doing a lot more than praying right now. He knows what he wants to do against us."

As dominant as the Warriors have been sweeping through the first two rounds of the playoffs, praying might not hurt either.

Kevin Durant doesn't care who is on the court for San Antonio, he knows that Popovich will have his group ready complete with a few surprises in the playbook.

Tony Parker is out the rest of the way with a leg injury. Kawhi Leonard is not at 100 percent because of a tender ankle. Tim Duncan is long ago retired.

"They're a machine," Durant said. "They just keep going at you, no matter who's on the court. They run their system. Similar to us, I feel like, where a guy goes down, somebody steps in."



AP

San Antonio Spurs coach Gregg Popovich, right, calms down guard Danny Green after Green was called for a technical foul during the second half in Game 6 of the team's NBA basketball second-round playoff series against the Houston Rockets, Thursday, May 11, 2017, in Houston.

San Antonio thoroughly dismantled James Harden and Houston 114-75 in Game 6 on Thursday night behind LaMarcus Aldridge's 34 points and 12 rebounds to close out the series as All-Star Leonard sat out nursing an injured left ankle he hurt in a Game 5 overtime win.

Golden State has barely been tested so far this postseason, going 8-0 against Portland and Utah.

Sure, it was nearly seven months ago when the Spurs came to town and thoroughly spoiled Durant's much-hyped debut—a 129-100 whipping in the season opener—with the Warriors after his scrutinized departure from Oklahoma City.

"That seems like years ago to be honest," KD said. "Both teams have gotten so much better."

The Spurs are back in the Western Conference finals for the first time since winning the 2014 title.

Here are a few of the ample story lines to watch when these familiar teams begin their best-of-seven series Sunday afternoon at Oracle Arena:

KAWHI'S TOUGHNESS

Leonard had just a few days to get healthy.

Popovich said he went through a full practice Saturday.

"He's a soldier, man. He's a fighter," Durant said. "If he's out there, he's not going to make any excuses."

POP'S DISCIPLE

Out of work last season, Brown spent much of his time attending Spurs meetings, practices and games in an informal capacity with good friend, Popovich. Kerr hired Brown as an assistant last summer.

Brown, last a Spurs assistant in 2003 who has said he hopes to do something to repay Popovich someday for the opportunity, certainly learned some X's and O's but it went far beyond that to observing how Popovich has adapted to players now and continued to be a top-notch communicator.

"Mike who? I don't know a Mike Brown," Popovich joked. "Mikey's done a great job. Steve was really smart in hiring him. He didn't hire him for this reason, Steve didn't want this to happen, but they know each other well. Mike knows the program well. Steve is right there with him, in his ear. They're doing things the way they've done it for a while now under Steve's leadership."

FAMILIAR DAVIDS

David Lee will face his old Warriors team, while David West faces the Spurs, his former team.

A swap of Davids, indeed. West has been helping the Warriors get ready for his old team.

While he still keeps in touch with Curry and others, Lee is downplaying any potential nostalgia from his time with Golden State.

"I try to keep things as simple as possible," he said. "It's a building and an environment, a lot of people out there that I'm very familiar with and keep in touch with many of the guys on their team still. With that being said, they're competitors, I'm a competitor, guys on my team here, the Spurs, are competitors."

MORE REST

The Warriors again are well-rested and healthy for the next round of their championship chase.

Durant, for one, feels great after dealing with a left knee injury that cost him 19 games late in the regular season then a nagging left calf during the Portland series.

San Antonio will have to try to keep pace from the tip.

"We didn't have much time to practice. It was a long series, an exhausting series and now we play at noon, but we're here," Manu Ginobili said. "We've got to prepare as fast as we can."

Harden's great season for Rockets ends in embarrassing loss

HOUSTON (AP)—James Harden went up for a 3-pointer, changed his mind and tossed the ball between two teammates.

He drove for a layup before inexplicably throwing the ball into a sea of San Antonio Spurs.

After putting together an MVP-caliber year, the indelible images of Harden and the Houston Rockets will be the lowlights from a 39-point loss in Game 6 of the Western Conference semifinals to a San Antonio team playing without Kawhi Leonard and starting point guard Tony Parker.

And those images will linger for some time.

Harden, who didn't even attempt a shot until midway through the second quarter, was 2 of 11 and finished with 10 points to tie a season low as the Rockets were embarrassed on their home court on Thursday night to end their season with a thud.

"I feel so sorry for him because he's had an unbelievable—he's had an historic year," coach Mike D'Antoni said.

Most people outside the organization aren't feeling sorry for the point guard, and were left scratching their heads at how such an elite player could perform so poorly in a game that mattered so much.

Harden wasn't available on Friday, but took blame for the loss after the game. However, he had no answers as to what went so terribly wrong on Thursday night.

"It's frustrating definitely," he said. "Especially the way we were resilient all year long, fought through adversity. We've been really good at bouncing back ... it hurts. It stings. We've just got to figure out a way to get better and we will."

Harden averaged 29.1 points, 11.2 assists and 8.1 rebounds a game—all career bests—in helping Houston to a 55-27 record and the third best record in the NBA a year after the Rockets squeaked into the playoffs an eighth seed. He had 22 triple-doubles in the regular season and became the first player in NBA history to have 2,000 points (2,356), 900 assists (907) and 600 rebounds (659) in a single season.

He displayed flashes of brilliance in the playoffs to be sure, but couldn't deliver when the Rockets needed it most. Houston had a chance to tie Game 5 as overtime expired, but Harden's shot was blocked from behind by Manu Ginobili.

The Spurs carried that momentum into Game 6 in Houston, and Harden didn't respond. He was out of sorts from the start and the Rockets were all but out of the game by halftime.

Despite the uninspiring performance, general manager Daryl Morey said that Harden's struggles on Thursday night shouldn't negate what he accomplished this season.

"Obviously he had a tough game, but to me it's a joke to get on him because we're not where we are ... without James," Morey said. "The guy that's hardest on James is James. Everyone's disappointed, but he's No. 1."

A day after the game D'Antoni still didn't have a clear explanation for the collapse. He still seemed stunned by what transpired and used the word "shell-shocked" three separate times on Friday. D'Antoni, who helped Houston to a 14-game improvement in his first season, believes the Rockets might have been worn down by dealing with a team that lacks a clear weakness to exploit.

"I don't know if it's true or not, but it's almost like mentally it just zapped us," he said. "I think over the long haul when we didn't win Game 5 we came back and we were just mentally at zero."

For D'Antoni, being ousted by coach Gregg Popovich and the Spurs is nothing new. D'Antoni is 0-5 in playoff series against the Spurs, with Popovich eliminating his Suns teams in 2005, 2007, 2008 and the Lakers in 2013 before this season's loss.

"That's the mountain we've got to climb," D'Antoni said. "I don't think I'm the only team that's lost to them. They've beaten everybody ... but yeah, it hurts."

The Rockets obviously need to improve in order to compete with the elite teams in the West, and D'Antoni had a few ideas about what needs to happen.

"We need to get better as a group," he said. "We need to get better defensively. We need to add layers to the offense where it takes some of the load off of James."

Harden is a leading MVP candidate, and could walk away with the award next month. But even bringing it to Houston for the first time since Hakeem Olajuwon won it in 1994 is unlikely remove that terrible taste of how the season ended.

Sale strikes out 12, Red Sox beat Rays, 6-3

BOSTON (AP)—Chris Sale struck out 12 while pitching seven solid innings and Mookie Betts hit a two-run homer, leading the Boston Red Sox to a 6-3 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Saturday.

It was Sale's seventh straight start with double-digit strikeouts. The 6-foot-6 lefthander allowed three runs and two hits, both homers.

Joe Kelly worked the eighth before Craig Kimbrel finished the three-hitter for his 11th save.

Betts also doubled in a run in Boston's four-run fifth inning. Deven Marrero drove in two runs, helping the Red Sox to their 14th win in their last 19 games against the Rays.

Kevin Kiermaier and Logan Morrison homered for Tampa Bay, which has dropped seven of 11. Blake Snell (0-4) allowed six runs and six hits in 5 2/3 innings.

Nationals 6, Phillies 4

In Washington, fresh from getting a big deal, Bryce Harper hit a game-ending home run with two outs in the ninth inning that sent Washington over Philadelphia.

Hours before the game, the Nationals announced they had reached agreement with Harper on a $21,625,000 contract for the 2018 season, covering the slugging outfielder through his last year before he can become a free agent.

Then in the ninth, the 24-year-old star provided an immediate payoff. Pinch hitter Adam Lind led off with a single against Edubray Ramos (0-3) and two outs later, Harper lined an 0-1 pitch over the wall in center for his 11th homer of the season.

Trailing 4-0 in the fifth, Washington tied it on a two-run homer by Trea Turner and a two-run double by Ryan Zimmerman.

Shawn Kelley (3-0) pitched the ninth.

Cardinals 5, Cubs 3

In St. Louis, Carlos Martinez pitched into the seventh inning and collected two hits, leading the Cardinals to the win.

St. Louis also got another solid performance from Tommy Pham, who had two hits and two RBIs. The outfielder is batting .387 with seven extra-base hits in eight games since being recalled from Triple-A this month.

In a rematch of the season opener, Martinez (3-3) again topped Jon Lester (1-2). Martinez allowed three runs and five hits in 6 2/3 innings, striking out seven.

Top Cubs prospect Ian Happ homered off Martinez in the seventh for his first hit in his major league debut. Lester was charged with four runs, three earned, and six hits in 5 2/3 innings.

Seung Hwan Oh pitched the ninth for his 10th save in 11 opportunities.

Rangers 6, Athletics 5

In Arlington, Texas, Elvis Andrus and Nomar Mazara had consecutive two-RBI hits as Texas rallied earlier this time, beating Oakland for its season-best fifth straight victory.

The Rangers loaded the bases in the seventh when reliever Ryan Dull (1-2) allowed a hit and two walks before Liam Hendriks took over on the mound.

Andrus then grounded a single through the left side of the infield to tie it at 4. Mazara followed by lining a two-run double over left fielder Khris Davis and to the wall.

Tony Barnette (1-0) got the latest win despite allowing three hits and a run in one inning. Keona Kela gave up a run in the eighth before Matt Bush struck out two in a perfect ninth for his third save in four chances.

Dodgers 4, Rockies 0

In Denver, Alex Wood struck out 10 in six innings and drove in a run with a well-placed bunt on a squeeze play, leading Los Angeles past Colorado.

Brett Eibner supplied additional offense with his first home run of the season and Austin Barnes and Justin Turner added RBI doubles for the Dodgers, who won their 100th game at Coors Field, the most by any visiting club.

Wood (4-0) fanned at least one batter in five of his six innings and struck out the side in the third en route to reversing a dismal history at Coors, where he had gone 0-2 with an 11.25 ERA in four previous starts.

Tyler Anderson (2-4) had eight strikeouts in 5 2-3 innings for Colorado.

Blue Jays 7, Mariners 2

In Toronto, Jose Bautista hit a three-run homer, and the Blue Jays earned their sixth win in seven games.

Kendrys Morales also connected for Toronto, and Kevin Pillar had three hits, raising his AL-leading total to 47. Devon Travis became the first player to steal home for the Blue Jays since June 2, 2015, scoring on a double steal in the eighth.

Dominic Leone (1-0) got one out for the win as Toronto improved to 8-4 in May.

Seattle right-hander Ryan Weber left with a sore shoulder after 3 2/3 innings in his season debut. Nick Vincent (1-1) got the loss.

Royals 4, Orioles 3

In Kansas City, Missouri, Nate Karns struck out a career-high 12 in five innings, Eric Hosmer reached base four times and Kansas City beat Baltimore.

Karns is the first in franchise history to strike out 12 in five innings. The last major league pitcher to accomplish that was Jake Arrieta of the Chicago Cubs on June 5, 2016.

Baltimore's Chris Davis homered off Seth Maness (1-0) to tie it 3-3 in the sixth, but Brandon Moss homered off Alec Asher (1-2) to put Kansas City back ahead later that inning.

Hosmer had two hits and walked twice. The Royals scored three runs in 4 1/3 innings off Chris Tillman.

Francisco Pena homered in the third and fifth innings against Karns. Pena had only one career homer entering the game.

Kelvin Herrera worked a perfect ninth for his seventh save in eight chances.

Giants 3, Reds 1

In San Francisco, Brandon Belt and Justin Ruggiano homered, Matt Moore pitched into the eighth inning and the Giants beat the Reds in a matchup of weary teams.

San Francisco and Cincinnati had a quick turnaround after they played 17 innings Friday night, with the Giants winning 3-2 on Buster Posey's game-ending homer.

Moore (2-4) provided a lift with 7 1/3 innings of one-run ball. He allowed eight hits, struck out seven and walked three.

The last-place Giants (14-24) won consecutive games for just the second time this season.

Scott Schebler homered for Cincinnati, and Lisalverto Bonilla (0-1) pitched a six-hitter for his first career complete game.

Twins 4, Indians 1

In Cleveland, Jose Berrios pitched neatly into the eighth inning in his first start of the season and the Twins beat the Indians in a game delayed several minutes when a squirrel ran around the field.

Max Kepler connected to give the Twins a home run in 14 straight games, their longest streak since 1988. He also had an RBI single in a three-run fourth for the AL Central leaders, who handed Cleveland its third straight loss.

The squirrel appeared from right field with Michael Brantley batting in the Cleveland sixth. Play was halted as the squirrel cut across the infield. It eventually hopped into the stands and play resumed.

Berrios (1-0), called up from Triple-A Rochester on Friday, gave up one run and two hits in 7 2/3 innings. Brandon Kintzler pitched the ninth for his 10th save.

Indians pitcher Mike Clevinger (1-1) allowed three runs and three hits while walking five in 4 1/3 innings.

Tigers 4, Angels 3

In Anaheim, California, J.D. Martinez powered up in just his second game of the season, hitting his second homer of the game in the ninth inning to lift Detroit over Los Angeles.

Martinez opened the ninth with a solo shot off Bud Norris (1-2) to snap a 3-3 tie. He came off the disabled list Friday after missing the Tigers' first 33 games with a sprained right foot.

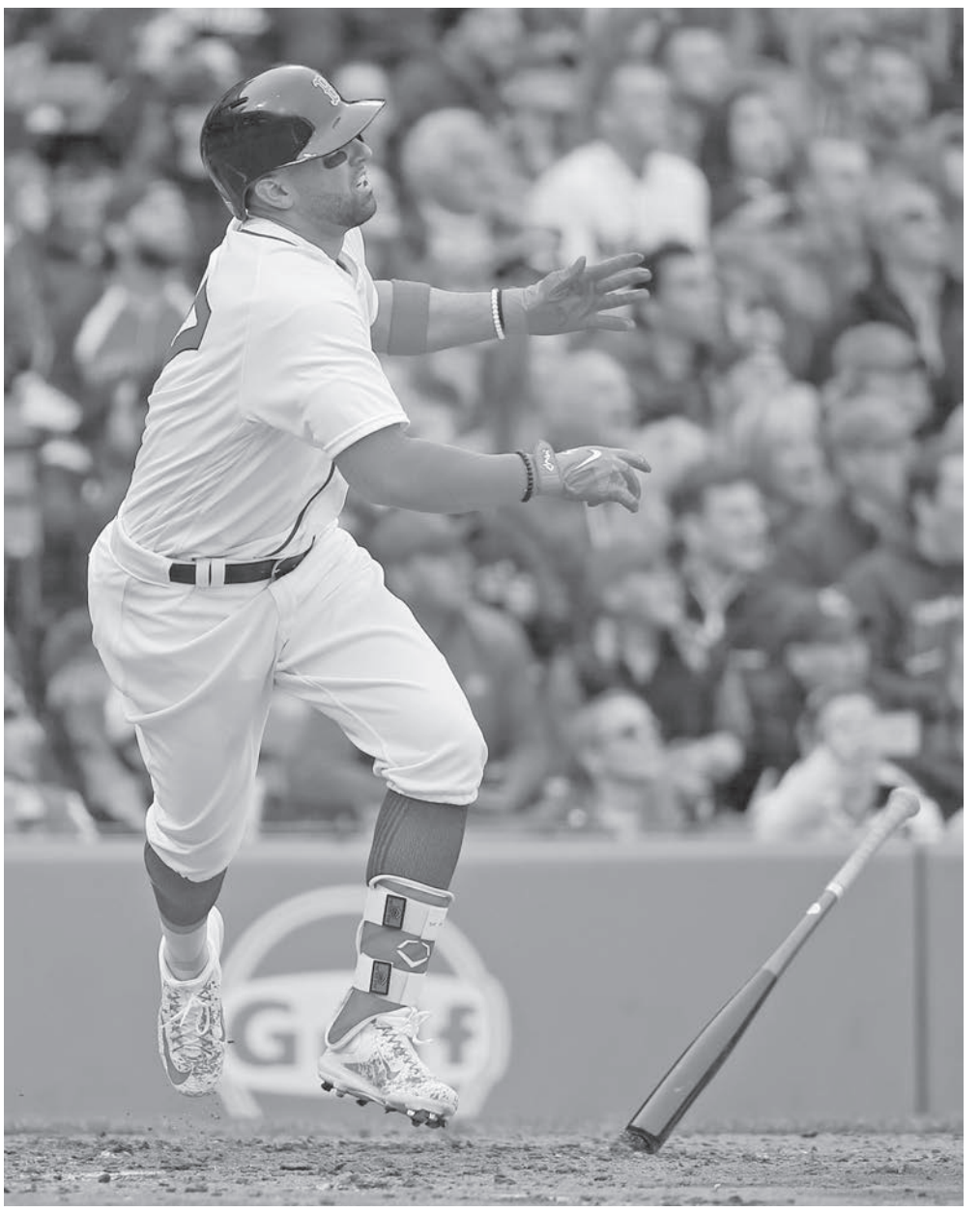
Martinez opened the scoring in the second inning, following Victor Martinez's single with a two-run homer off Ricky Nolasco.

Alex Wilson (1-1) pitched the eighth and got the win. Justin Wilson struck out three in the ninth for his second save.

Pirates 4, Diamondbacks 3

In Phoenix, Trevor Williams pitched five strong innings and Pittsburgh snapped a six-game losing streak with a victory over Arizona.

Nick Ahmed homered twice for the Diamondbacks, the second to make it a one-run game in the ninth. It was Ahmed's first career multi-homer game.



AP

Boston Red Sox's Deven Marrero watches his two-run double during the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays, Saturday, May 13, 2017, in Boston.

Williams (2-2), in his second start since taking the rotation spot vacated when Jameson Taillon left to begin treatment for testicular cancer, gave up a run on four hits, striking out four and walking one.

Taijuan Walker (3-3) gave up four runs, three earned, on eight hits in six innings.

Tony Watson gave up a run in the ninth but got his eighth save.

Brewers 11, Mets 4

In Milwaukee, Travis Shaw capped Milwaukee's eight-run fifth inning with a three-run homer, helping the Brewers beat New York.

Milwaukee sent 11 batters to the plate in its highest scoring inning of the season. Orlando Arcia had a two-run single and Jesus Aguilar drove in two runs with a double before Shaw connected for his eighth homer.

Neil Walker homered for New York, which has dropped three in a row. Robert Gsellman (2-3) was charged with six runs, five earned, and nine hits in four-plus innings.

Milwaukee right-hander Zach Davies (4-2) got the win despite allowing four runs and seven hits in five innings.

Braves 3, Marlins 1

In Miami, Julio Teheran pitched six scoreless innings, leading Atlanta to the road win.

Nick Markakis had three hits and drove in a run for the Braves, and Matt Kemp extended his hitting streak to 13 games with a single in the eighth.

Teheran (3-3) beat the Marlins for the first time in seven starts. He allowed three hits and walked two.

Jim Johnson pitched a perfect ninth for his sixth save in eight chances.

Justin Bour homered for the Marlins, who have lost five straight and 14 of 17 overall. Edinson Volquez (0-5) yielded two runs in six innings.

White sox 5, Padres 4

In Chicago, Yolmer Sanchez singled with one out in the bottom of the ninth to score Tyler Saladino and snap Chicago's six-game losing streak.

Wil Myers, Manuel Margot and Allen Cordoba all had solo homers for San Diego.

David Robertson (2-0) pitched a scoreless top of the ninth for the win.

Brad Hand (0-3) took the loss.

Holmes, Stanley share lead at Players Championship

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP)—J.B. Holmes defied conventional wisdom on a most unconventional course, walking anything but the straight and narrow at the TPC Sawgrass until he wound up in a most unlikely place Saturday in The Players Championship.

He was tied for the lead with Kyle Stanley.

Holmes didn't hit a fairway over his last six holes on the wind-swept Players Stadium Course, including one that was so far right off the 14th tee that it went into a water hazard on the 12th hole.

He was among eight players who hit five or fewer fairways in the third round. The other seven had an average score of 76.43. Somehow, Holmes shot 70.

"An adventurous day, for sure," Holmes said.

Stanley got his mistakes out of the way quickly with three bogeys on his opening four holes, kept a clean card the rest of the way and finished with a tough par save from the bunker behind the 18th green for a hard-fought 72.

They were at 9-under 207, and more adventures await—for more than just them.

Louis Oosthuizen saved par on the 18th for a 73 and was one shot behind. Six other players were only four shots behind, a group that included Masters champion Sergio Garcia and Ian Poulter, who thought he had lost his PGA Tour card two weeks ago until a clerical oversight was discovered.

AP

J.B. Holmes watches his shot from the 15th tee during the third round of The Players Championship golf tournament Saturday, May 13, 2017, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

And if the final round is anything like Saturday, it can all change so quickly.

Jon Rahm of Spain went into the third round in a tie for 10th, just five shots behind. He shot 82 and was headed home after missing the 54-hole cut. Of the 82 players on the course, 49 had at least one double bogey. Matt Kuchar had a 9 on the 14th hole and shot a career-high 81 at The Players Championship.

The culprit, as if the TPC Sawgrass isn't enough, was a wind so treacherous that only one player who teed off after 11:30 a.m. broke 70. That was Si Woo Kim, who didn't make a bogey until the 16th hole and shot a 68 to get within two shots.

Emiliano Grillo had a 67 and was at 6-under 210, along with Poulter, who had the only bogey-free round. Garcia, Patrick Cantlay (72) and Alex Noren (72) were another shot behind. Pat Perez, in the third group to tee off, had a 66 for the day's best score and suddenly was in the group just five shots behind.

"No lead can be big enough," Oosthuizen said. "That's what makes this golf course great. We've been over the years great finishes around this golf course and horrible finishes. It's a great three finishing holes, and you need to be on your game. You need to hit the ball well and ... try not to do anything heroic when you have the lead."

Holmes had to be remarkable where he was hitting it.

He opened with 10 straight pars, added a pair of birdies, and then the fun began.

After hitting off the map on the 14th into the water on the 12th hole, he faced a blind shot over the mounds from 230 yards into the wind on the hardest hole on the course. He let it rip, and it flew into the left bunker. He nearly holed that and escaped with bogey, his only dropped shot of the round.

From the pine straw left of the 15th fairway, he managed to get it on the green and lagged beautifully from nearly 60 feet. Another poor drive kept him from going for the green on the 16th, and after a birdie on the island-green 17th, Holmes finished with one more wild drive, one more unlikely par.

"I usually can make a bunch of birdies, so if I can just narrow it down to one bogey, then I'm usually in good shape," Holmes said.

BSS

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In the boys U7 softball throw, William King gave Tinian its first gold medal after his 27.30m heave, while WSR notched the silver and bronze after Matteo Sablan (22.40m) and Jheams Sagana (13.50) rounded out the Top 3.

In the girls U7 division, WSR notched a pair of goals with Lyanah Omelau ruling the 60m run (11.32 seconds) and Caitlin Ignacio prevailing in the softball throw (8.91m). Omelau won over Tinian's Ysabelle Lenteja (12.10) and Saipan International School's Yuknap Zheung (12.34), while Ignacio finished ahead of SIS' Yuknap Zheung (6.10m) and WSR's Aires Magofna (4.29m). Zheung ended her bridesmaid finish in the age group after checking in at 20.29 seconds in the 200m run and downing Lenteja (21.08 seconds) and WSR's Kaydynce Davis (21.97 seconds).

In the girls U9 division, Savita duplicated her younger brother's feat after getting the gold medals both in the 60m and 100m sprints. Savita's 10.07 seconds in the 60m defeat the 10.28 seconds of WSR's Kialeen Leemarvin and the 10.48 seconds of Oleai's Kia Ross Nicdao. In the 100m, the BSS student timed in at 16.35 seconds to finish ahead of Nicao (16.70 seconds) and Kailani Laniyo (17.64 seconds).

In the softball throw, SIS earned its second gold medal after Phoenix Gross register 12.74m and topped BSS' Irin Chung (12.57m) and Davis (11.77m).

In the boys U9 age group, three different schools made it on top of the podium. First up was Tyler Omelau of WSR as he won the 60m race (9.77 seconds) against SIS' Christian Newman (10.06) and Tinian's Christopher Cruz (10.34 seconds). Cruz redeemed himself in the 100m as his 16.01 seconds placed him ahead of Newman (16.22) and Omelau (16.54). In the softball throw, Chambers was the runaway winner after logging 26.30m. Tinian's Matthew Sarmiento (21.60m) and WSR's Luis Reyes (20.20m) completed the Top 3.

Meanwhile, winners in the 60m, 100m, and softball throw of the boys and girls U11, U13, U15, and U18 along with the events in last Friday and Saturday's competitions will be reported once the official results are turned in.

KNIGHTS

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pivotal 10-0 scoring spree to put the Knights on top. Deleon Guerrero made 4 points off drives in that rally, while Richardson hit two triples with his second breaking the deadlock, 31-28, 5:58 left in the match.

It was a seesaw battle in the next minute of the game, as Minsu Park tried to keep MBA in the game. However, after the last standoff, 35-all, Matthew Ong, who was scoreless in the first three periods, drilled 6 straight points off a split from the free throw line, a triple, and a floater and Richardson added a pair of free throws to put the Knights on top for good, 43-35, with a little over a minute remaining in the finale.

Despite its safe lead, MCS played tough defense against MBA in the closing seconds to complete the come-from-behind win.

"It's our defense that brought us back into the game. When we started playing good defense, we're also able to get our offense working," MCS coach Francis San Nicolas said moments after the exciting title match.

"I would like to commend my players for fighting back and keeping their focus. After we failed to score in the first quarter, I told them to keep their head in the game because that's just eight minutes, we still have 24 minutes to play. I just want them to be patient and work harder on defense," the Knights mentor said.

The Knights' defense held MBA scoreless in the last two minutes and change of the second quarter and in the first three minutes of the third. MBA was stuck to 19 points, allowing MCS to bring the deficit down to single digits at the break, 10-19. Santos scored 7 of the Knights' 10 points, stepping up just when MCS gunners were still looking for their rhythm and preventing MBA from pulling away.

Then in the third canto, one of MBA's scorers, Deleon Guerrero, became aggressive on offense and though he missed most of his shots, he still earned points from the foul line, canning seven free throws. Santos contributed a pair as the Knights moved within 5, 20-25. MBA was held to three field goals in the penultimate frame, as MCS' pressure defense right from the backcourt rattled the former.

Deleon Guerrero then added one more free throw to start the fourth quarter for the Knights, while Park countered with an and-1 play to up their lead to 7, 28-21. However, MBA collapsed after that while Deleon Guerrero and Richardson anchored MCS' rally before Ong put the finishing touches in the Knights' successful' comeback bid.

Deleon Guerrero paced MCS with his 13 points, while Richardson added 12—10 came in the fourth quarter—and Santos and Ong combined for 15 points. Park led MBA with his 19 points, while Dave Lee and Paul Song contributed 9 apiece, but were held to one free throw apiece in the fourth period, leaving the former the only player on his team to make a field goal in the payoff canto.

The title win against MBA gave the Knights a perfect record this season and it was the third straight year that MCS ended the competition undefeated.

MCS 50 — Deleon Guerrero 13, Richardson 12, Santos 9, Ong 6, Gamab 4, Yun 3, Yun 2, Muna 1.

MBA 39 — Park 19, Lee 9, Song 9, Aaron 2.

Scoring by quarters: 0-6, 10-19, 20-25, 50-39.

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in Kazan, Russia in 2015, while Villacrusis was part of the CNMI Team that traveled to Windsor, Canada last year to race in the 13th FINA World Swimming Championships (short course). Chentsova and Villacrusis along with Suzuki also competed in the XI Oceania Championships in Fiji last year.

In Hungary, the four CNMI swimmers are among the 3,000 athletes that will be seeing action in the July 14-30 tournament (diving, synchronized swimming, water polo, and swimming competitions). The swim races will run from July 23 to 30 at the brand new Dagály Swimming Complex.

Meanwhile, NMISF has also expressed an interest in sending a team to the 2017 Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan this September.

NMISF president John Hirsh, during the monthly Northern Marianas Sports Association meeting, said they are looking at fielding 16 swimmers to the competition, but no final decision has been made as they also want to get more details about the airfare and accommodations for the event.

Initially, the CNMI was told that organizers will shoulder airfare and accommodations for the Sept. 17-27 competition, but NMSA president Michael White would like to make sure he got the details right and if there won't be any limit to the number of athletes and officials the Commonwealth can send to Ashgabat. He added that if participation to the Asian Indoor is all expense paid, the CNMI has to capitalize on this great opportunity, especially the chance to experience and gauge the level of competition in the Asian region.

The 45 member-countries of the Olympic Council of Asia are all invited to the Asian Indoor, which will have 18 events with swimming featuring a short course (25-meter pool). The competition is also opening the meet to Oceania National Olympic Committees members for the first time.

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NBA STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	21	12	.636	—
Baltimore	22	13	.629	—
Boston	19	17	.528	3 1/2
Tampa Bay	18	21	.462	6
Toronto	16	21	.432	7

Central Division

Minnesota	19	14	.576	—
Cleveland	18	17	.514	2
Detroit	18	17	.514	2
Chicago	16	18	.471	3 1/2
Kansas City	15	21	.417	5 1/2

West Division

Houston	25	11	.694	—
Texas	18	20	.474	8
Los Angeles	18	21	.462	8 1/2
Seattle	17	20	.459	8 1/2
Oakland	16	20	.444	9

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Washington	23	12	.657	—
New York	16	19	.457	7
Philadelphia	13	20	.394	9
Atlanta	13	20	.394	9
Miami	13	22	.371	10

Central Division

St. Louis	20	15	.571	—
Milwaukee	20	17	.541	1
Cincinnati	19	17	.528	1 1/2
Chicago	18	18	.500	2 1/2
Pittsburgh	15	22	.405	6

West Division

Colorado	23	15	.605	—
Los Angeles	22	15	.595	1/2
Arizona	21	17	.553	2
San Francisco	14	24	.368	9
San Diego	14	24	.368	9

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Commonwealth Coalition of Private School Association Basketball League Finals

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Mt. Carmel School's Joseph Muna, right, fakes off the defense of two Marianas Baptist Academy players during the second quarter of the 2016-2017 Commonwealth Coalition of Private School Association Basketball League last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Mt. Carmel School, center, and Marianas Baptist Academy players jockey for position in the rebound play.

Marianas Baptist Academy's Dave Lee pulls up for a fade-away jumper against Mt. Carmel School's Anthony Deleon Guerrero, left, and Joseph Muna, partly hidden.

Mt. Carmel School's Matthew Richardson, right, challenges the shot of a Marianas Baptist Academy player.

Mt. Carmel School's Seokjun Yun stretches for a shot against two Marianas Baptist Academy defenders.

Mt. Carmel School's Matthew Richardson goes up for a scoop shot.

Marianas Baptist Academy's Kevin Song loses the ball as he is guarded by Mt. Carmel School's Seokjun Yun and Kiko Gamab.

Marianas Baptist Academy's Minsu Park, center, passes the ball to his teammate as he is doubled team by Mt. Carmel School's Anthony Deleon Guerrero, left, and Joseph Muna.

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Knights rally for three-peat

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Scoreless in the first quarter, Mt. Carmel School exploded for 30 points in the fourth en route to a 50-39 victory over Marianas Baptist Academy in the boys high school division finals of the 2016-2017 Commonwealth Coalition of Private School Association Basketball League last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Anthony Deleon Guerrero, Matthew Richardson, Matthew Ong, and Myles Santos teamed up in the Knights' come-from-behind win to give MCS its second straight championship and second in a row against MBA. The Knights took their first division crown in the 2014-2015 season against Eucon International (55-46) before defending the title against MBA last year following a 70-35 demolition of the Tigers.

MBA then seemed to have a strong chance of avenging its loss to MCS last weekend after shutting down the Knights in the first quarter and leading by as much as 11 in the first half, 19-8. MBA remained ahead at the end of the third, 25-20, and even stretched it to 7, 28-21 before Deleon Guerrero and Richardson combined for the

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Mt. Carmel School's Anthony Deleon Guerrero drives against two Marianas Baptists Academy players during the second quarter of their title game in the high school division of the 2016-2017 Commonwealth Coalition of Private School Association Basketball League last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

BSS leads; Tinian, WSR close in

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Runners in the U7 age group compete in the 200m race during the 2017 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Track and Field Championships last Friday at the Hopwood Middle School Field.

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Brilliant Star School gained the most gold medals in the first three events in the 2017 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Track and Field Championships, while Tinian Elementary School and William S. Reyes Elementary School are not far behind after last Thursday's competition at the Hopwood Middle School Field.

BSS won five gold medals and one silver in the boys and girls U7 and U9 age group, while Tinian earned three golds and three silvers, and WSR also bagged three golds aside from two silvers and eight bronzes.

Siblings Moshe and Savita Sikkel gave BSS two gold medals each, while the other gold was courtesy of Casey Chambers.

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Moshe topped the boys U7 60m run after clocking in at 10.60 seconds and beating Oleai Elementary School's Robert Billy (11.37 seconds) and WSR's James Quindoza (11.63). Moshe did it again in the 100m race after submitting 17.97 seconds against the 18.45 seconds and 18.74 seconds of Billy and Quindoza, respectively.

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4 CNMI swimmers to compete in worlds champs

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Northern Marianas Islands Swimming Federation has selected four swimmers to represent the CNMI in the 17th FINA World Championships in Budapest, Hungary in July.

FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS BUDAPEST 2017

Victoria Chentsova and Christian Villacrusis will be making their second world championships appearance, while Lennosuke Suzuki and Jinju Thompson are debuting in the FINA-sanctioned meet for the first time.

Chentsova, who is now based in Massachusetts, donned the colors of the Commonwealth in the 16th FINA World Championships

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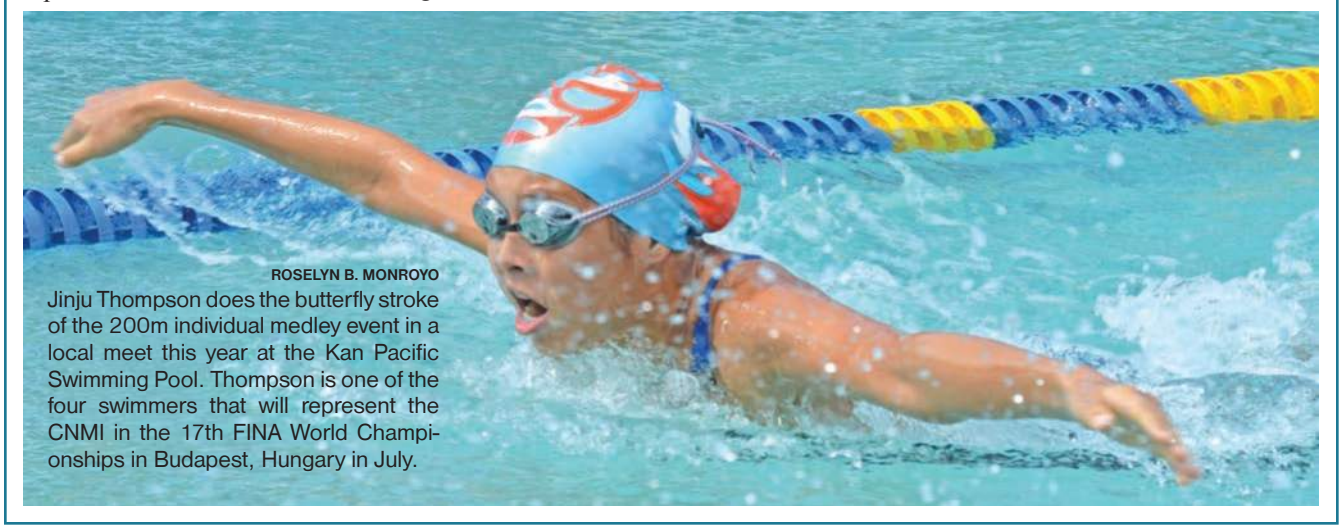

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Jinju Thompson does the butterfly stroke of the 200m individual medley event in a local meet this year at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool. Thompson is one of the four swimmers that will represent the CNMI in the 17th FINA World Championships in Budapest, Hungary in July.